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'70% of elder abuse plaints were against kin'

BENGALURU
Around 70% elder abuse complaints reported in the last three years were against family members, according to data from the Elders Helpline, a toll free number (1090) which is a joint project of Bengaluru City police and Nightingales Medical Trust.
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Centre sets up panel to frame air crash response guidelines

The committee headed by Home Secretary told to lay down Standard Operating Procedures and comprehensive guidelines for preventing crashes; the panel will not substitute enquiries by various bodies into the crash of flight AI-171, says Ministry

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Saturday announced the setting up of a high-level committee headed by the Home Secretary to suggest "comprehensive guidelines" to respond to aviation accidents against the backdrop of Thursday's Air India flight AI-171 crash in Ahmedabad.

The order issued by the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation says the committee will "focus on formulating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for preventing and handling such occurrences in the future" and publish its report within three months.

The order states that it will not substitute other enquiries by relevant organisations, referring to the main accident probe conducted by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) which recovered the black box of the aircraft on Friday.

Debris analysis: Forensic team checks wreckage of the aircraft in Ahmedabad on Saturday. VIJAY SONEJI

The committee will also assess the emergency response by various stakeholders, including rescue operations and coordination among them, and suggest roles for various agencies and organisations to deal with post-crash incident management. The committee will have access to all records, including flight data, cockpit voice recorders, aircraft maintenance details, air traffic control logs, and witness testimonies. It will also conduct site inspections, and interview crew, air traffic controllers, and other relevant personnel. It will also collaborate with relevant international agencies if necessary.

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Identified 11 victims through DNA testing: govt.

Abhinay Deshpande
Jagriti Chandra
AHMEDABAD

A total of 11 victims of the flight AI-171 crash have been identified through DNA testing, according to the Gujarat government.

One more body that had been stuck beneath the tail portion of the crashed aircraft was recovered on Saturday, according to Dr. Rajnish Patel, Head of Surgery, at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, who jointly addressed a press conference with Gujarat government's Relief Commissioner and Secretary, Revenue Department, Alok Kumar Pandey. However, there was still no official confirmation of the deaths beyond that of the 241 people aboard the aircraft that crashed into the mess building where students of B.J. Medical College (BJMC) were assembled for lunch..

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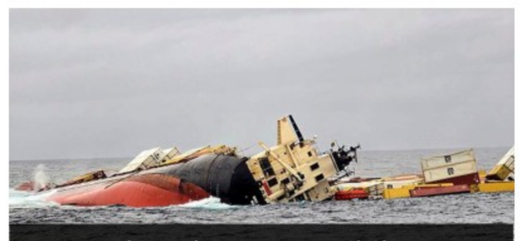

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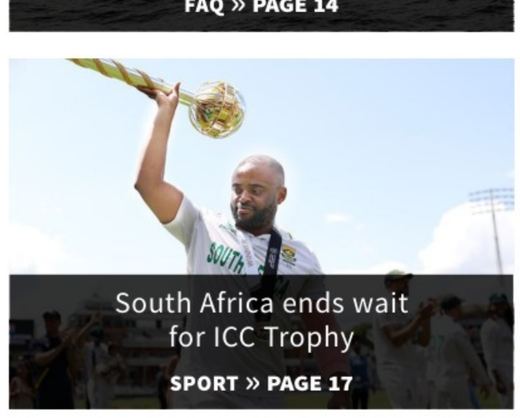

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Tehran will burn if civilians are hit, Israel warns Iran

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN/JERUSALEM

Israel on Saturday warned Iran against targeting Israeli civilians, saying that "Tehran will burn" if attacks continued and said that it now had control of the airspace till Tehran.

The threat came as Israel and Iran exchanged fire a day after Israel unleashed an unprecedented aerial bombing campaign on Iran. Iran had hit back with waves of drone and missile strikes, with a barrage of dozens lighting up the skies over Jerusalem and Tel Aviv overnight, killing three people and wounding dozens.

"We will hit every site, every target of the Ayatollah regime," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday, referring to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Back and forth: Israeli rescue workers at an impact site in Rishon LeZion on Saturday after overnight attacks from Iran. REUTERS

"We have dealt a real blow to their nuclear programme," he added.

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4 Maoists, 3 of them women, killed in M.P.

Mehul Malpani
BHOPAL

At least four Maoists, including three women, were killed on Saturday in an ongoing encounter with security forces in Madhya Pradesh's Balaghat district, police said.

The operatives belonged to the Malajkhand unit of the GRB (Gondia-Rajnandgaon-Balaghat) Division of the Maoists, Shiyaz K.M., Madhya Pradesh's anti-Naxal Hawk Force Commandant, told *The Hindu*.

Special Director-General (Anti-Naxal Operations) Pankaj Shrivastav told *The Hindu* that the four cadre were killed in two separate encounters.

A self-loading rifle (SLR), two .315 rifles, a grenade launcher and other ammunition were recovered from them, Mr. Shrivastav added.

"We cannot divulge much information as it is an ongoing operation. The forces and officers are currently in the forest. It has also been raining heavily there today [Saturday], which is adding to the challenge but we are continuing the search operation. The encounter is likely to continue till tomorrow," Mr. Shrivastav said. A search was launched in multiple parts of Balaghat's dense forest areas.

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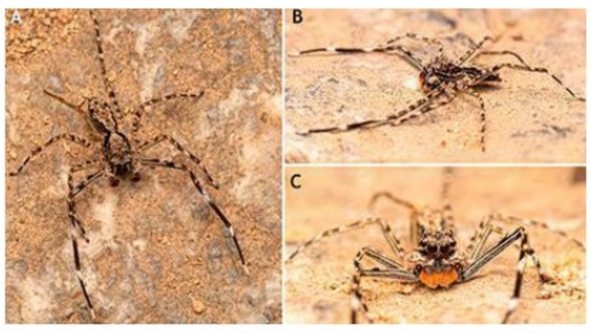
New jumping spider species found in southern India

The discovery possibly marks the first time that the genera *Spartaeus* and *Sonoita* groups of the *Spartaeinae* sub-family have been found in India; the jumping spiders are known for their intelligent hunting skills and web-invasion tactics

Geetha Srimathi
CHENNAI

A team of researchers has identified a new species of jumping spiders of the *Spartaeinae* sub-family in southern India, known for their intelligent hunting skills and web-invasion tactics.

According to researchers, this discovery possibly marks the first time that the genera *Spartaeus* and *Sonoita* (specific groups within the sub-family), previously known only from Southeast Asia and Africa, have been found in India.



The newly discovered *Spartaeus karigiri*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The research, led by John Caleb T.D. from Saveetha Medical College in Chennai, has introduced a new species named *Spartaeus karigiri*, after Karigiri, or Elephant Hill, in Devarayanadurga, Karnataka, where the spiders were first observed.

The male of this species was spotted hiding in crevices and rocky outcrops, while the female was found guarding an egg clutch in the wild.

More specimens were also discovered in Tamil Nadu's Villupuram district.

The study, published in the *European Journal of Taxonomy* on June 11, involved researchers from across India. Puthoor Pattammal Sudhin and Souvik Sen from the Zoological Survey of India documented the specimens through detailed drawings and imaging, while fieldwork was supported by B.G. Nisha from the Wildlife Aware Nature Club in Tumakuru, Gautam Kadam from Sacred Heart College in Kochi, Rajesh Sanap, a naturalist and wildlife researcher, and Chinmay Maliye, a wildlife enthusiast.

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Sparkling start: A decorated boat during the opening ceremony of the Khelo India Beach Games on the Ghoghla Beach on the Diu Island on May 19.

Show of strength: Athletes in action during the beach kabaddi game. The spirit of the athletes at the Khelo India Beach Games was both fierce and joyous.

Radiant ending: Artists turn the closing ceremony of the Games to a celebration of the Union Territory as the competitive rivalry comes to an end.

Aiming for the net: Beach soccer teams from Kerala and Maharashtra fight it out.

Surf, sand and sports

Over 1,300 athletes from across India competed in six events in the inaugural edition of Khelo India Beach Games organised in May on Ghoghla Beach near Diu town

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The inaugural edition of Khelo India Beach Games organised in May in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu was a show of mixed emotions. The elation of victories paralleled the disappointments of falling short.

During the open water swimming event, which was held under adverse weather conditions, parents were worried and were waiting on the shore for their competing children to safely return from the sea. Their concerns were drowned in the cheers of local people, volunteers and supporters for the children.

The games were held on the blue-flag certified Ghoghla Beach near Diu town. Over 1,300 athletes from 31 States and Union Territories competed in six events – beach soccer, sepak takraw, pencak silat, open water swimming, beach volleyball, and beach kabaddi. Ironically, landlocked Manipur came out as the champions by the sandy shores of Ghoghla.

Apart from the competition events, the hosts also put the U.T.'s own sporting talent on display on the final day of the games, demonstrating agility with Mallakhamb – a traditional form of gymnastics; strength with tug-of-war; and grit with boxing.

The five-day event gave mediapersons a lot to deal with as photographers often had to deal with unwanted clutter in the background while looking for the perfect frame. Others would have to rival the decibel levels of booming speakers to get across to athletes.

The natural lighting of dawns and dusks made covering the games early in the morning or late in the evening incredibly interesting, especially the events of beach kabaddi and sepak takraw, in which players were sort of flying over the sand to score points under the rising/setting sun spinning its own web.

The Games had its moments despite challenges, and the beach sports community will hope that the competition augurs well for its future.

Grabbing eyeballs: A player from Maharashtra sends the ball back in a beach volleyball game.

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NEET-2025: Vijayapura boy is State topper, bags AIR 17

This year, four students from the State made it to top 50 ranks at the All -India level; of the 1,42,369 students who appeared, as many as 83,582 qualified, as against last year's 88,887

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nikhil Sonnad, a native of Vijayapura who studied in Expert PU College, Mangaluru, emerged as the topper from Karnataka after the National Testing Agency (NTA) announced the NEET(UG)-2025 result on Saturday.

He got All India Rank (AIR) 17 and scored 670 marks (99.99%) out of 720 in the NEET. He had secured 98.3% in II PU exams in the Science stream this year and is aiming to join the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi.

Nikhil also secured 8th rank in B.Sc (Agriculture) in CET-2025.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Nikhil said, "I have never followed a fixed schedule in studying. I have always been flexible. This year, the NEET was tough. The physics questions were very difficult. But I read and understood carefully without getting nervous and answered them. I did not expect to get AIR-17. Instead, I thought I would get a good rank. So, I am happy to be the State topper."

Nikhil Sonnad

Being born to doctor parents, Nikhil expressed his desire to pursue a career in cancer research and become a medical entrepreneur after his postgraduate degree.

This year, four students from Karnataka made it to top 50 ranks at the All India level. Ruchir Gupta, a student of Alpine Public School, Bengaluru, has secured AIR-22, Tejas Shailesh Ghotgalkar has got AIR-38, and Pranshu Jahagirdar of Allen Career Institute, Bengaluru, has got AIR-42.

According to an NTA release, of the 1,42,369 students from Karnataka who appeared, as many as 83,582 are eligible to take part in the counselling process this year.

Compared to the previous year, the number of candidates qualified from Karnataka this year has declined. Last year, 88,887 had qualified.

Under the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PWBD-Male), Gautam Kumar from Karnataka emerged as the national topper with AIR-1,684.

NEET was conducted in 13 languages, including Kannada, this year and 460 candidates registered to write in Kannada as against last year's 1,065.

This year, of the 22,09,318 candidates who appeared for the exam, 12,36,531 qualified from across the country. Of 11 transgenders, six got qualified.

The test was conducted on May 4 at 5,468 different centres in 552 cities across the country, including 14 outside India.

VTU orders CCTV surveillance on all engineering college premises

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

To curtail the unwanted activities such as consuming drugs, ragging, sexual harassment and others, the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has ordered all engineering colleges to install CCTV at prominent places of the campus.

The VTU has taken this step in the wake of the order of the Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department and has instructed the authorities to regularly monitor the activities of the students.

The VTU also instructed to conduct a special seminar for students against anti-social activities and its repercussions.

"A counsellor must be appointed to counsel the students. Display boards must be installed in all the prominent places of the institute stating that, consuming drugs, alcohol, tobacco, involving in ragging and sexual harassment and other anti-social activities is strictly prohibited," reads the order.

"In the case of finding such activities, colleges must take stringent action and a report must be submitted to the office of the undersigned," it said .

B.E. Rangaswamy, Registrar (Administration) of VTU said, "This order has been issued on the basis of a letter from the Chief Secretary of the government. CCTVs have already been installed in all engineering colleges, including government and private colleges. However, as per the government's instructions, we have ordered the installation of CCTVs in prominent places on the campus."

"In addition, there was no system to monitor CCTV cameras till now. Therefore, from now on, a separate team has been formed in all colleges and footage of CCTVs have been monitored regularly. If any student is involved in unwanted activities activities in the college campus, appropriate action will be taken against them," he added.

"Already, CCTVs have been installed in some places, including the administration block in our college. The order issued by the government will be followed for the safety of students. We have decided to install CCTVs at other places including the main gate of the college," said the principal of a government engineering college.

But students have not taken kindly to the development. "CCTV installation in prominent places of the campus is right from the perspective of transparency and safety. But monitoring every movement of students is unethical. Legal action should be taken against those who engage in immoral activities. However, it should not violate the privacy of students. So, the college managements should discuss with the students before installing CCTVs on the college campus," said Tejas, student of a private engineering college from Bengaluru.

School toilet cleaning issue: MLC threatens protest over suspension of teacher

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Congress MLC P. Puttanna, representing the Bengaluru Teachers' constituency, has said he will launch a campaign involving teachers of all schools against the State government over the suspension of a teacher who allegedly made children clean the toilet in a government school in Ramanagara town.

Mr. Puttanna plans to visit the office of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the zilla panchayat (ZP) of Bengaluru South district (previously Ramanagara) on June 17, with toilet-cleaning material, demanding that the ZP officials themselves clean the school toilets in the entire district.

Letter to Minister

Mr. Puttanna wrote a letter to the Minister of School Education, Madhu Bangarappa, on June 11, in this regard.

"The suspension of a teacher who allegedly made children clean the school toilet is condemnable. Because of some wrong rules, a situation has arisen where teachers are burdened with a lot of work, besides teaching. Therefore, to condemn this incident I am launching a campaign on Tuesday by giving brooms, hand gloves, phenyl, soap, brushes, and other material required to clean toilets to the zilla panchayat CEO. Teachers of all government/aided/unaided schools in the district will participate in this protest," Mr. Puttanna told *The Hindu*.

P. Puttanna

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> **P. PUTTANNA**
> Congress MLC

The ZP CEO, during his visit to a government school at Troopline, Bengaluru South, on June 6, noticed children cleaning the toilets and objected to it. The Deputy Director of Public Instruction suspended the teacher for dereliction of duty, terming the act of making children clean the toilets as illegal, the letter said.

However, Mr. Puttanna said, "There are no attenders or cleaning staff in government schools. A situation has arisen where teachers have to do all the work. In many schools, teachers are cleaning toilets. So, do teachers have no dignity?"

He even argued that it was not wrong for children to clean toilets in schools. "Earlier, when we were students, we used to clean the toilets and premises in schools ourselves. We used to water the gardens. This was part of our school activities," he stated.

"The maintenance charge given to government schools is not enough for anything. Due to this, toilet maintenance is difficult, and there is a shortage of labourers to clean the toilets. The government should give the maintenance of toilets of all schools to private agencies at the district or taluk level. This will avoid exploitation of both children and teachers. I will raise this issue in the upcoming legislature session," he added.

Mr. Puttanna also urged the government to revoke the suspension of the teacher.

'Collective work'

Meanwhile, development educationist Niranjanaradhya V.P. urged for community participation in school toilet cleaning.

"In order to create awareness that cleanliness is an integral part of life and everyone should participate, the Chief Minister, Ministers, public representatives, celebrities, respected people of society and officials of all levels in the School Education and Literacy Department should voluntarily visit schools and join hands with children and teachers in the cleanliness work and encourage it as a collective work," he added.

Knowing desi seeds

Engrossed: Visitors at the Desi Seed Festival in Bengaluru on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Domestic help held for stealing cash, valuables

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chamarajpet police on Monday arrested a 43-year-old domestic help for allegedly stealing cash and valuables worth over ₹70 lakh from her employer's house.

The accused, identified as Uma, a resident of Ilyas Nagar, worked as a domestic help at the house of Radha R.K. for the last three months. The police said that Uma confessed to the crime, and they recovered ₹57.5 lakh in cash and 211 g gold and silver articles worth ₹70.16 lakh from her.

Discussion on the book, *The Tamils*, at BIC on June 17

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Around 90 million-strong today, the community of Tamils is not only spread across India but is a growing global diaspora which hold on to their distinct cultural identity even as they fan out.

Nirmala Lakshman, in her book *The Tamils,* chronicles the journey of this civilisation from the Stone Age and the Sangam era to the Bhakti movement and colonial history.

On June 17, Ms. Lakshman, Publisher and Chairperson of The Hindu Group of Publications, will engage in a discussion on her book with Ranvir Shah, cultural activist, philanthropist and businessman, at the Bangalore International Centre (BIC). Ramachandra Guha, writer and historian, will do the introduction.

The discussion will not only explore the themes of the book but also examine the Tamil identity in the 21st century, its evolution through intersections of caste, religion and gender, and how modernity and migration have given the culture newer meanings as the community across the globe continues to adapt and thrive.

Ms. Lakshman, who founded and edited The Hindu Literary Review, conceptualised and created Young World, India's only children's newspaper supplement, and launched Lit for Life, The Hindu's annual literature festival. She is also the author of *Degree Coffee by the Yard*.

Mr. Shah founded the Prakriti Foundation in 1998 with the idea of enlivening Chennai's cultural arena through scholarly discourses, multi-media events, experimental and protest cinema, music festivals and contemporary dance performances.

Dr. Guha is a public intellectual whose research interests range from political and environmental history to cricket history.

The programme begins at 6.30 p.m. and entry free.

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B. Channasandra lake gets a new lease of life

Keerthivas S.
BENGALURU

Around 9 a.m. on Saturday, a crowd of around 100 took to the streets of Kasturinagar in East Bengaluru. Members of the Kasturinagar Welfare Association (KWA) and the residents danced, while women and children dressed in green and white were holding placards, as they made their way to the B. Channasandra lake.

Once spanning about 19 acres in area, the lake over the years shrank to 6.3 acres due to neglect, dumping of garbage and construction debris, and sewage flowing in.

As Bengaluru faced one of its worst droughts in 2023, the KWA and the residents united to revive the lake that had been long neglected.

June 14 marked the formal inauguration of a revived B. Channasandra lake, which N. Ravindrakumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru, termed as a testament to the work put in by the residents of Kasturinagar. The invite to the event, too, was along similar lines. "When people come together, nature finds its way back," Mr. Ravindrakumar said.

A view of B. Channasandra Lake in Kasturinagar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Initially, a group of 100 volunteers decided to contribute ₹1,000 every month as we began to work on the lake," said Abhijith N.S., a KWA volunteer.

Initial work involved desilting the lake using a tractor and heavy machinery as garbage was removed and the land was levelled along the waterbody. A compound wall was later built around the lake.

As the project grew in size, KWA collaborated with Hands on CSR, an NGO that helped with funding, and CGI, a software company, that helped release CSI funds which was necessary to complete the project.

Residents of Kasturinagar at the inaugural ceremony of revived B. Channasandra Lake in Kasturinagar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Since the lake came under the Karnataka Forest Department, a No Objection Certificate (NOC) was issued by Mr. Ravindra Kumar as work began from October 11 last year. The excavation lasted around five weeks as further desilting and desludging were done. The estimated cost of the project totalled ₹1.15 crore with a three phased funding.

The project faced a few challenges, the residents said. "Sometimes, we received threats from real estate agents who had their eye on the land, but thanks to the Forest Department, everything went smoothly. We aim to preserve and make this as a forest lake," Mr. Abhijith said.

Vehicle theft: Man made to wait for over 15 days to register complaint

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Despite repeated assurances of a "people-friendly" approach by the city police, a city resident was forced to wait for over two weeks to get his complaint of a stolen motorcycle registered.

K. Ramesh, a 57-year-old private employee residing in Vijayanagar, decided to register a theft complaint with the police after he found his scooter missing from the parked space outside his office on May 28.

When he approached the Vijayanagar police, they reportedly asked him to go to Govindaraja Nagar police citing jurisdictional issue.

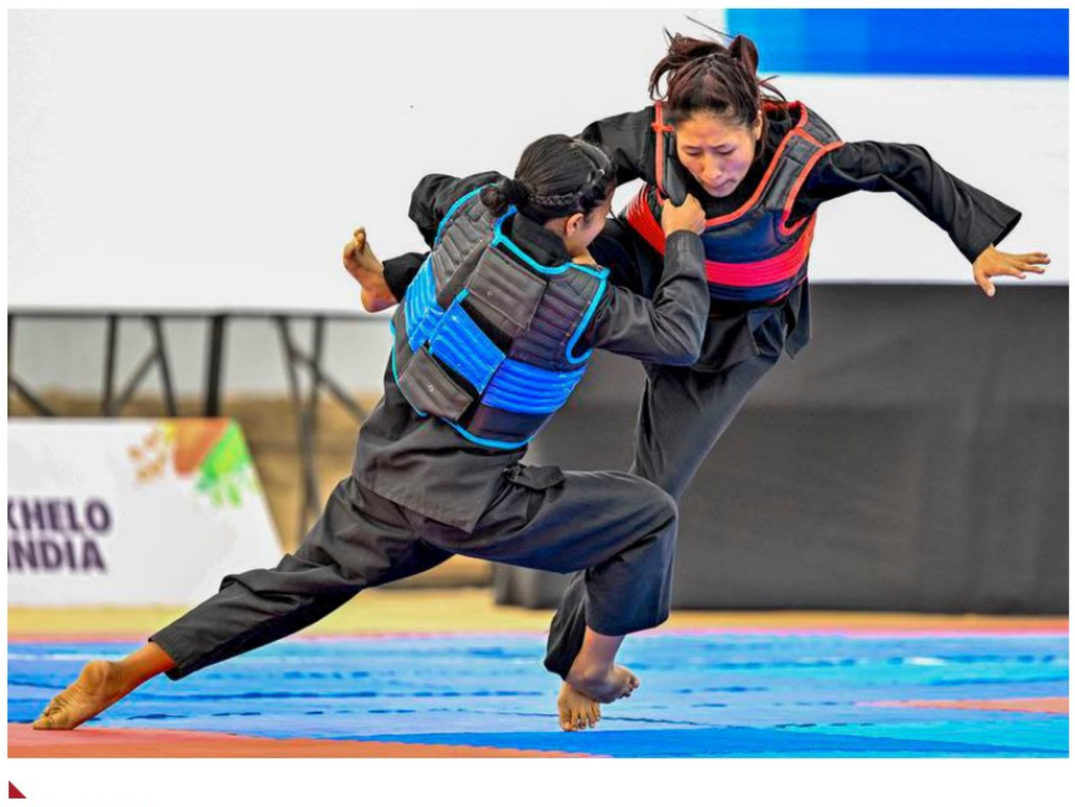
However, the Govindaraja Nagar police asked him to "come back after three days as officials concerned are not available."

Upon returning after three days, he was allegedly sent back again. The police reportedly said that they were busy with the ongoing stadium stampede case and security duty.

The police even asked him to revise his complaint and mark his scooter as 'missing' rather than 'stolen'.

"It was disheartening. Every time I went, I was told something new – 'system down', 'officer on special duty' or 'come tomorrow'. If this is people-friendly policing, I don't know what unfriendly would look like," Mr. Ramesh said. The complaint was finally registered on June 13 after media inquiries and intervention by a local activist group.

Swift strokes: Athletes participate in the 10-km open water swimming competition.



Until one wins: Two women slug it out at the pencak silat competition.

Champion of the water: Renukacharya Hodmani, representing Karnataka, secured the top spot in the men's category in the 10-km open water swimming contest.

Fine balance: Athletes perform Mallakhamb at the opening ceremony.

With all their might: The Kerala men's tug of war team in action during the final match.

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Music fest on June 21, 22

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Rangoli Metro Art Centre at M.G. Road Boulevard will host a two-day celebration on June 21 and 22 to mark World Music Day. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and feature curated music performances in the auditorium and select open spaces on the premises.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited, in a release on Friday, invited independent musicians and vocalists to participate. Interested artists can register via email to rangoli@bmrc.co.in.

"Participation is free, but performers must bring their own instruments and gear. Registration closes at 1 p.m. on June 19 and will be confirmed via email on a first-come first-served basis," the release said.

Psychiatric counsellor caught smuggling phone for prisoner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Security personnel at the central prison caught a 33-year-old psychiatric counsellor, allegedly trying to smuggle a mobile phone inside the prison for an undertrial on Friday.

The accused was identified as Navyashri K.M., a resident of K.R. Pet, working on contract at the prison hospital's psychiatric wing. She was caught by head constable Smitha while being frisked. The metal detector began to beep, after which she was subjected to physical frisking when the police allegedly recovered the mobile phone.

The accused was handed over to the commandant of Karnataka Industrial Security Force, who handed her to the jurisdictional Parappana Agarahara police along with the seized phone for further investigation.

Based on a complaint filed by Karna B. Kshetri, Superintendent of Prison, the police have registered a case against Navyashri charging her under the Karnataka Prisons Act and also under Section 323 (dishonest or fraudulent removal or concealment of property).

Upon questioning, Navyashri allegedly confessed to the crime and told the police that she was carrying the mobile phone to hand it over to an undertrial on the request of her male colleague, identified as Shrujan.

Further inquiry revealed that Shrujan had allegedly taken money from the undertrial to get the phone inside the prison.

Govt. does U-turn on appointment of ACP

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BENGALURU

Drama prevailed on Saturday after the Home Department appointed T. Kodandarama, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) of the Criminal Investigation Department, as the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) for Cubbon Park sub-division. Minutes later, the department struck down the order until further notice.

In the initial order, the department instructed Mr. Kodandarama to report for duty immediately. But the subsequent order revoked the first and stated that the transfer had been put on hold until further notice.

Balakrishna, ACP, who was heading the sub-division was suspended after the stampede at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium during RCB's victory celebrations.

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Data finds 70% of elder abuse plaints were against kin

It shows sons being ranked consistently as primary perpetrators, followed by daughters-in-law and other close relatives; World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on June 15 every year to highlight issue of elder abuse, which includes physical, emotional, financial, and sexual harm

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Around 70% elder abuse complaints reported in the last three years (2022 - 2025) were against family members, according to data from the Elders Helpline, a toll free number (1090) which is a joint project of Bengaluru City police and Nightingales Medical Trust (NMT), supported by the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens.

This data was revealed on Saturday ahead of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), observed on June 15 every year globally to spotlight the issue of elder abuse, which includes physical, emotional, financial, and sexual harm, as well as neglect.

Creating awareness: Participants take part in a roadshow in Bengaluru on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The data showed that sons rank consistently as primary perpetrators, followed by daughters-in-law and other close relatives. "The leading causes of abuse include disputes related to property and financial matters, alongside caregiving burdens and a growing lack of adjustment within multi-generational households, highlighting intergenerational tensions and the urgent need for elder-sensitive support systems," said Radha S. Murthy, managing trustee, NMT.

Helping hand

Total phone calls received by the helpline since 2002	2,73,600
Total number of walk-ins	15,000
Total number of counselling sessions	44,500
Cases resolved	69%

NMT, in association with Elders Helpline, had organised a public awareness campaign against elder abuse on June 14. The event featured street plays and a roadshow from Shivajinagar to KR market, aiming to raise public awareness and promote community-level action.

Flagging off the campaign, Nataraj S., Joint Director of the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, stated, "Our culture is to value our elders. There is a need to protect and take action against elder abuse."

S Premkumar Raja, Co-founder and Secretary of NMT, lamented, "Generally in India, we think that old age home is a solution for the problems of the elderly. However, that is not the ideal solution. Elders always want to be part of their families and society." Further commenting on elder abuse, he said, "Sadly, since most of the time the abusers are family members, the problem is hidden."

It was also revealed during the event that since its inception in 2002, the helpline has received over 2,73,600 calls and walk-ins have registered more than 15,000 complaints.

Registration for Ayush Vaya Vandana Card

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To assist the elderly, the Elders Helpline will be initiating a registration help desk for issuing 'Ayush Vaya Vandana Card' for elders over 70.

Registrations will be conducted by prior appointment once a week on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ayushman Bharat Vaya Vandana Card is a specialised health and welfare card for senior citizens.

FORM NO. 53

In The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru

Original Jurisdiction

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956
And
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Company Petition No. 257 of 2015

Notice of winding-up order

By an order made by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru in the above matter, dated the August 22, 2024, it was ordered that the above-named company be wound-up under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.

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Citizens' report card examines performance of Bengaluru MPs and MLAs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

P.C. Mohan, Member of Parliament (MP) representing Bengaluru Central, has the highest attendance of 98.51% when it comes to parliamentary sessions among the three MPs of the city, while Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya's attendance is just 77.61%, falling below the national average of 87%, according to Citizens' Report Cards of Bengaluru's Elected Representatives in the current term released by CIVIC Bangalore (a voluntary citizen's initiative) on Saturday.

Key metrics

The report card captured key performance metrics for individual elected representatives, which include attendance, number of questions raised, number of committees participated in, number of Bills introduced (Private/Government), and number of debates participated in(only for MPs).

It also analysed LAD Fund utilisation numbers for MPs and MLAs and the total criminal cases declared in the last election and net worth growth for repeat MLAs and MPs during their last term.

Despite his low attendance, Mr. Surya asked 84 questions in the Parliament and took part in 13 debates, while Mr. Mohan participated only in one debate, where he put a request for e-buses under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme for Bengaluru.

C.N. Manjunath, Bengaluru Rural MP, had an attendance of 94%, asked six questions, and took part in nine debates.

Mr. Manjunath also led in terms of Local Area Development Fund (LAD) allocation (₹6.3 crore), including the previous and current year's available funds. Mr. Mohan has utilised only ₹47 lakh out of ₹5 crore made available in the current term, as per the data.

Shobha Karandlaje, Bengaluru North MP, has utilised 97.6% of LAD funds.

Among the MLAs, N. Shreenivasaiah of Nelamangala constituency attended 100% Assembly sessions, with only 29% MLAs having greater than 90% attendance, while 3 MLAs had less than 70% attendance.

With only 53.62%, Priya Krishna, MLA for Govindrajnagar, held the last spot.

The report also noted that the Legislative Assembly had only 69 sittings in 2 years.

N.A. Haris, MLA for Shanthinagar, asked 230 unstarred questions (the highest among MLAs), while S. Muniraju from Dasarahalli asked the highest number of starred questions (7).

The report further mentioned that only four MLAs have fully utilised the ₹4 crore made available under the Karnataka Legislature Local Area Development (KLLAD) Fund, while almost 1/4th (22%) have allocated more than 90%. "Overall, ₹40.79 crore of KLLAD Funds currently lie unspent, while potentially ₹4.84 crore may be stuck/forefeited. S. Manjula of Mahadevapura has not allocated any of her ₹4 crore KLLAD funds," the report said.

The report card was developed by citizen volunteers and student interns at CIVIC Bangalore over a period of six months.

Performance of MPs

Name	Attendance	Debates participated	Questions asked	Fund utilisation
P. C. Mohan	98.5%	1	72	9.48%
Tejasvi Surya	77.6%	13	84	116%
C. N. Manjunath	94%	9	6	126.64%

Performance of MLAs

Highest attendance - **N. Shreenivasaiah,** Nelamangala – 100%;

Lowest attendance - **Priya Krishna,** Govindrajnagar – 53.62%

Kruthi Vittal to perform at Koramangala today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Nadasurabhi Cultural Association will host a vocal concert featuring acclaimed Carnatic vocalist Kruthi Vittal on Sunday. The performance will begin at 4.15 p.m. at Lecture Theatre 1, located within the St. John's Medical College campus, Koramangala. Kruthi Vittal will be accompanied by an ensemble of seasoned artists– Charulatha Ramanujam on the violin, K.U. Jayachandra Rao on the mridangam, and B. Rajashekar on the morsing.

The concert promises an enriching musical experience.

Monthly lecture

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Kannada and Culture, in association with Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Pradhikara, will host its monthly lecture on June 20.

Writer and translator O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy will speak on 'Anuvadada Samskrutika Mukha' (Cultural Face of Translation). The event will be held at the Kuvempu Bhasha Pradhikara premises in Mallathahalli, at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owners (1) Mr. GURVINDER SINGH JUNEJA, S/o. Mr. Harvinder Singh Juneja (2) Mrs. JASMEEN KAUR W/o. Mr. Gurvinder Singh Juneja,

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication, failing which our client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

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1 **M/s. Icon Telenet Engineering P. Ltd.,** Office at No.240, Sri Venkateshwara Complex, II Floor, Sachidanandanagara, Double Road, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bangalore-560098.
2. **Mr. Nagesh Gowda, S/o. Mr. Sidde Gowda,** R/at. No.75, 6th Cross, I Phase, BEML Layout, Near New Horizon School, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bangalore-560098.
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In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A.No.2224/2014** passed by the **Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore dated 30/09/2015** an amount of **Rs.72,50,657/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Seven Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **24th day of May, 2019.**

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

Recovery Officer-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, Bengaluru

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E- TENDER NOTICE No. 13/SBC/25 of 04.06.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Bengaluru - Mysuru section: **Sub Work-I:** Construction of RCC Over Head Tank (OHT) 2 lakh litre capacity with GLR 2 lakh liters capacity at Mandya colony. **Sub Work-II:** Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mandya Sub division: Proposed provision of Escalator on Platform - 4 at Kengeri. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. Composite Tender.	Rs. 1,52,39,466/-
2	Bengaluru - Mysuru section: Improvements to minor bridges (40nos) of SSE/P.Way/Kengeri section in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mandya sub division. Maintenance period is 4 months.	Rs. 1,05,50,247/-
3	Bengaluru - Mysuru section: **Sub Work-I:** Through turnout renewal of existing curved switch and CMS crossing with 60 kg TWS and WCMS crossing 23sets in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mandya section. **Sub Work-II:** Through fitting renewal for a length of 37.457kms at isolated locations between km 55/000-101/107 on up line in SSE/P.Way/ Mandya section. **Sub Work-III:** TRR(P) of existing 60kg rails on 60kg PSC at 1660 Nos/KM with 60kg wider base PSC at 1660/km for a length of 1.83kms for curves at isolated locations from km 1/347 to 13/254 (Downline) in SSE/P.Way/Kengeri Section.	Rs. 1,50,86,436/-
4	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mandya Sub division: Proposed construction of Boundary wall at km 13/200-15/300 Up and 15/700-15/850 Up and Down for a total length of 2400 meter in SSE/Pway/Kengeri section. Maintenance period is 6 months.	Rs. 2,34,18,668/-
5	Bengaluru-Jolarpettai section: Proposed slope protection works on vulnerable cutting by re-profiling cutting and construction of side and catch water drain at km 237A/400-238/400 LH and RH on Down line. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later.	Rs. 6,49,08,975/-
6	Bengaluru-Jolarpettai section: **Sub Work-I:** Proposed slope protection works on vulnerable cutting by re-profiling cutting and construction of catch water drain at km 230A/450-600 LH and RH on Down line and Maintenance period of 12 months. **Sub Work-II:** Proposed slope protection works on vulnerable cutting by re-profiling cutting and construction of side and catch water drain at km 237/600-750 LH and RH on Down line, 231A/150-600 LH and RH down line and 234/110-210 LH and RH down line. Maintenance period is 12 months.	Rs. 4,87,32,580/-
7	Bengaluru-Jolarpettai section: **Sub Work-I:** Through ballast recoupment for a length of 22.0kms from 313/000 - 322/000, 330/000-333/300, 340/000-341/300 on up line and 325/400-332/200, 337/400-339/000 on Down line in SSE/P.Way/Whitefield section. **Sub Work-II:** Through turn out renewal (TTR) (FS + TWS + WCMS) - 49 sets and TTR (TWS + WCMS) - 10 sets in connection with the work of increasing speed from 110 to 130kmph. **Sub Work-III:** Through ballast recoupment of points and crossings 15nos in Sr.DEN/East/SBC section.	Rs. 2,73,52,855/-
8	Sr.DEN/East/SBC Section: Devangonthi : Proposed construction of buildings for RPF outpost at Devangonthi Railway station. Maintenance period is 12 months. (Composite Tender).	Rs. 1,22,71,780/-
9	Yelahanka - Bangarpet section : Providing an approach road on LH side in RUB 85A at km 96/200-300 between Chinthamani - Srinivaspur stations. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later.	Rs. 1,95,53,689/-
10	Maintenance of steel girder and road over bridges under the jurisdiction of SSE/Br/South/SBC in Bengaluru division for the year 2024-25& 2025-26. (Maintenance period is 1 month).	Rs. 1,02,22,030/-
11	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bridges Sec: Maintenance of steel girder bridges and Road Over bridges under the jurisdiction of SSE/Br/North/SBC in Bengaluru division. Maintenance period is 01 month.	Rs. 71,45,536/-

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1	**Manjunatha,** Old No.14, New 43, G Floor, TMN Street 3rd Cross, New Thippasandra 560075	1230016 25594	7,006.50	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Hal II Stage
2	**Mrs Neena Zacharaiah,** 539 4th Cross 3rd Main Indiranagar 560038	1230017 16659	8,235.04	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Hal II Stage
3	**Khitri D J,** No.34, Santusapet 560053	1230016 95617	14,092.40	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Indiranagar
4	**J W Sabhaney,** #302-A, Ranka D.Paradise, 153 Wheeler Road Frazer Town 560005	1230016 88491	17,999.45	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Indiranagar
5	**Mahadevan S P,** 1202,100ft Road, Indiranagar II Stage, 560038	1230017 17486	9,440.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Indiranagar
6	**Padmavathi S,** #627 2nd Floor 11th Main Hal 2 Indiranagar Bangalore-560008.	1230016 78490	17,465.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Indiranagar
7	**Balagi.M / Andal.M,** No. 68, R.H.A.R Lane, Gowthamapuram, Ulsoor Post-560047.	1230060 26123	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Neelasandra
8	**Shamshad Banu,** Site No.21 House No 36 4th Cross Opp.Fairlands Egipura Main Road Viveknagar P O 560047	1230059 49642	9,262.06	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Neelasandra
9	**Amarnath B S,** No 39 OPH Road, Halasuru Bengaluru-560008.	0433601 0000529	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
10	**Gayathri Veeraraghavan,** H-403 Nandi Woods Sy No 67/1367/2 Begurhobli SOS Village PO BG Road-560076.	0433601 0000682	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
11	**M.Malini,** 18/8, Cambridge Road, SBI Building Halasuru-560008.	1230072 11201	13,603.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
12	**Nila Chakraborthy,** 71 Cambridge Layout 6th C Ulsoor Bangalore-560008.	1230072 20076	4,974.04	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
13	**Subramanya Adiga P,** N 127 I Floor, 15th Main, II Cross, B S Colony H A L II-560008.	1230072 08517	5,161.56	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
14	**Suchitra Balakrishna** W/o Balakrishnan K R, 106 Purva Sunshine Apts Sarjapura Road Kaikondrahalli-560035.	1230072 06012	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
15	**Suresh Babu.M.G,** 39, G 16th Street Halasuru-560008.	1230072 04106	14,160.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
16	**Vidya,** Murphy Town No 223 SSM Road, Murphy Town Halasuru-560008.	0433602 0000037	12,413.82	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
17	**Hemavathy M,** No 44/1 G No.10th Street, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008.	0433601 0000851	8,842.76	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
18	**S Shivaprasad,** 152 Old Madras Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008.	1230072 16096	7,289.55	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
19	**Simran R Bhatia,** 18/3 Cambridge Road Cross, Ulsoor-560008	1230072 03172	17,534.12	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
20	**Usha Giridhar,** 171 Commercial Street Bangalore-560008.	1230072 05111	29,593.24	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Ulsoor
21	**Bangalore Rice Trade,** No 17/1 7th Cross 17th Main 6th Block Koramangala-560034.	1230012 52473	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Koramangala Layout
22	**Evangelina J,** Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034.	1230012 71227	6,065.47	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Koramangala Layout
23	**Jyoti Kapur,** 569, 16th A Main 3rd Block, Koramangala Bangalore-560034.	1230012 30331	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Koramangala Layout
24	**Arun Kalro,** 521, 12th Main Iv Block Koramangala-560034.	1230012 81390	9,440.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Koramangala Layout
25	**H Narasimhaiah,** 17, 1st Main Road S G Palya D R College-560029.	1230012 66873	9,440.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Koramangala Layout
26	**Jeevakala Louis,** 156 1st Main 1st Block Koramangala Bangalore-560034.	1230012 34694	9,440.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Koramangala Layout
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28	**Thomas Kurian V,** 61, V Block Iv Cross, Koramangala Bangalore 560095.	1230012 79511	9,440.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Koramangala Layout
29	**Narasa Reddy,** No.504,15 Th Cross,15th Main 4th Sector, HSR Layout Bangalore - 560102	1230093 18467	14,160.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	H S R Layout
30	**Asgar Ali Khan,** D No 40, Ground Floor 1st Cross, Madina Masjid Road, Bommanahalli-560068.	1230060 88310	17,617.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	H S R Layout
31	**Muniswamappa S** S/O Subbanna, No.347, Vaddarapalya Haragadde Post, Jigani Hobli Anekal Taluk-562106.	1230031 47000	26,762.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Jigani
32	**Muniswamappa S** S/o Subbanna, No.347, Vaddarapalya Haragadde Post, Jigani Hobli Anekal Taluk-562107.	1230031 47203	21,948.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Jignai
33	**Anjinappa S** S/o Sonnappa, Jigala Village Bidaraguppe Post 562107.	0429601 0001249	3,941.05	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Attibele
34	**Schneider Electric P,** APW President Systems Ltd C/o Schneider Electric India P Ltd Marwah House 2 Floor, Krishnalal Marg 400072.	0429601 0001234	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Attibele
35	**Santhosh Jose,** P.O.Box No. 38048 Dubai, U.A.E., 000000	1230057 81070	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Vibhutipura
36	**Anitha Reddy,** Social Worker No 3000 Hal 2nd Stage Indiranagar Bangalore 560038	0432601 0000715	6,496.37	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Defence Colony
37	**Madhur Kumar Sawhney,** No.37, 2nd Main, Defence Colony Indiranagar 560038.	0432601 0003483	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Defence Colony
38	**Rolli Sethi,** 4G Ramya Regent Apartments 648/M, 1st Main, 1st Stage Indiranagar Bangalore-560038.	0432601 0001625	6,005.56	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Defence Colony
39	**Meghna Mohan,** C/o Mohan Dhamodaran No.6, Balachandrappa Layout Babusabra Palya Kalyan Nagar Post-560043.	0432601 0001195	9,440.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Defence Colony
40	**Balaraju** S/o Jayaraj Opp PWD Office Newpet Anekal-562106.	0437605 0000566	5,310.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Anekal
41	**Jalaja S** D/o Shamachar K, 93a Bidaragere Road, Anekal Town.	1230081 63246	3,894.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Anekal
42	**C Rajendran,** No 354, I Stage, Behind IOB, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.	0456601 0000515	7,080.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Koramangala J Block
43	**Rashi Anand,** 103 A 4 Ghataprabha NGHC Koramangala-560047.	0476601 0000486	6,962.00	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	National Games Village
44	**Paulraj Y Kamaldinni** S/o Yeshwanth Kamaldinni Suraj Farms Pandithana Agrahara Kugur Post Anekal Tq-562125.	0657606 0000319	10,398.87	07.04.2025 20.05.2025	Sarjapura

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MUSLIM, LABBAI, Age 25, B.Sc, Supervisor at MNC, Income 15 Lakhs. Contact 7356483111

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CHRISTIAN CSI Tamil 43yrs 174cm BE MBA Australia MNC Divorcee No Issue. Seeks suitable bride 90946 77765

MUSLIM, SUNNI, Age 29, BE, Busniness, 9lakhs. ct 8138901097

CHRISTIAN , RC, Age 52, Mcom, Management Professional, 40lakhs. ct 8138900412

39 YEARS engineer working in MNC+ business well settled at chennai wanted graduate girl from a decent christian family cont 9884825317

CHRISTIAN, BORN again, Age 25, Private, 30Lakhs. Ct 8138900537

CHRISTIAN, RC, Age 33, Private, 15lakhs. Ct 8138900523

RC CHRISTIAN, 42yrs/170, B.E. Software Engineer, never married, works for mnc, Chennai. CT– 9500188067

RC CHRISTIAN Nadar, Age 27, Fair, MBBS, MD, (Chennai) Groom Seeks Doctor Bride. 8072411192 / 9500085244

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TAMIL VISWAKARMA, 39/179cm, Chithirai, Kanni, B.E, MBA., Unmarried seeks educated Partner. Caste no bar. Ct: 9944097021

AGAMUDAIYAR, UTHIRAM/KANNI 35/180, BE, HRM, Job at Canada, Canadian Citizen, Seeks BE,Nursing, any degree bride.CNB. Ct:9442993042

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HINDU, VANNIYAR , Age 38 , Private, 40lakhs. ct 8138900553

HINDU, CHETTIAR, Age 26, MIB, Private, 30 lakhs. ct 8138901189

HINDU, NAICKER, Age 33, BE, Manager, 30lakhs. ct 8138901294

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RICH MUDALIYAR, 45yrs, Divorce, BE, MS (US), Industrialist in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct:6385293227

VELLORE AGAMUDAYA Mudaliyar, Rishabam,38/165,BE SWE,MNC Chicago USA,1L USD/A,Seeks working SWE. 9487624807

SMARTHADESASTHA BRAHMIN groom 43yrs, 174cm fair Senior Software Engineer in MNC Hyderabad. Well settled. Looking for good looking bride graduate, employed/unemployed Age difference 5 to 6 yrs, Any brahmin subsect. Contact Nos 9440440774 / 6304557912 Whatsapp No. 9440440774

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TAMIL HINDU, 55, M.A., 40,000 PM, seeks suitable Bride 35 - 40 years, Caste no bar. Contact: 81109 68581

SENGUNTHA MUDHALIAR, 37/182, Thiruvathirai, Mithunam, working at Northrop, USA seeks USA working/ settled Bride. Caste No Bar. Ct: 99441 64185 (Tamil), 94434 37248(English)

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MUDHALIYAR, B.E, IT, Sal:1L Age–36, Star:Pooradam, Never married Well settled. Sub caste ok. 7305460763

VISWAKARMA EQV/ Elite, Indust, 26/ 175 /EEE /Pooradam, Preferably Chennai Living, 9360571051, 6369766781

HINDU, BRAHMIN, Age 40, MBA, Business, 30lakhs. Ct 8138900557

HINDU, NAIDU, Age 32, MNC, 10 Lakhs. Ct 8138900312

HINDU NADAR, 25yrs, BE, Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct: 9380791999/ 9841329471

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TAMIL

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TELUGU

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INTELLIGENT, MATURE 26, 185cm, scion of affluent Tamil/Telugu (Kamma Naidu) business family. Chennai roots. US citizen (Los Angeles), yet able to relocate globally. Seeks compatible partner. Call/WA 9345634365.

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NAIDU,29/180, HANDSOME, BE, MS, SWE, CISCO,USA,150000.USD.PA, Affluent Family CNB, 9043991629, 9043987029

NAIDU 29/175 Thiruvathirai B.Sc Working in AGS office Chennai, seeks suitable Educated working Bride Ct 8248042840 / 9841095644.

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KAMMA, 27, 180 cms, Businessman, MBA. Lives in Chennai. Father is a Businessman. Family is affluent. Looking for a like minded match from any Telugu Community. Contact: 6366448343

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HINDU AGAMUDAYAR 31yrs, Fair, B.Tech, M.S, Working in Apple, Seattle USA, H1B Visa, seeks Qualified Groom Working in any country.
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9442399555/ 6379809054

HINDU DKV, 29yrs, MBBS, DGO, Anusham, Viruchigam seeks suitable Groom - Doctor/ Professional. Ct: 99522 49827 / 98944 00080.

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HINDU NADAR 27/177 Cm MBBS MS 40 bedded own hospital, fair seeks doctor bride. Phone: 98841 88849

DIVORCEE

SMART, ACCOMPLISHED, 34, 178cm, US–based Strategy Consultant, Ivy Master's. Seeks compatible partner. Caste no bar. Call or WA 9345634365.

IYER TAMIL Divorcee 50yrs, High Salary, SWE MNC Chennai Seeks Minimum Graduate without Issues. Caste No Bar. 9841942915.

HINDI

1985/175CM, 50 Lakhs PA, Never Married, Bangalore. WhatsApp: 96290 12248

MALAYALAM

NAIR, 35/181CM, Divorcee, Short Live, M.Tech., MNC Chennai, Rs.20 Lakhs/ PA. CNB. seeks suitable Bride. Ct: 99403 85403

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NRI

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TAMIL

TAMIL MUSLIM, Sunnath Jamath, 45yrs, BBA, Divorce, Business, seeks Religious Bride. Ct: 95977 68158

CHRISTIAN NADAR, Doctor, Divorcee 36yrs/178cm, MBBS, Dip in Cardiology better earning lives in Nagercoil seeks qualified/ Divorced Bride. 9003983230

TELUGU

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TELUGU YADAVA Age 30 MBBS M.S (Gen.Surgery) Revathi Star sks MBBS, B.E Telugu & Tamil Yadava 9952095026

HINDU NAIDU, 34/5'5", BE, MBA, Sadhyam Kumbham, Fair, good looking Chennai girl for remarriage short lived, Seeks Groom from India/ Abroad, CNB. Contact: 9344709905/ 9500009694

NAIDU,25/165, BEAUTIFUL, BE, MS, SWE, J&J, USA,50000.USD.PA, Affluent Family CNB, 9043991629, 9043987029

TELUGU

BALIJA NAIDU Mesam Rasi Bharani 27/ 165CM M.S, Working in Toronto Canada seeks suitable gr

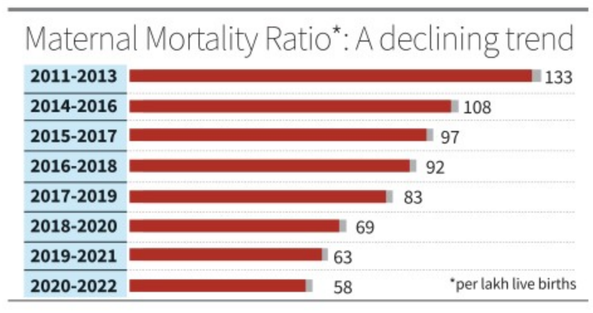
MMR on steady decline; reduces to 58 per lakh live births in 2020-22

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Indicating a steady reduction in the number of women dying during childbirth, Karnataka's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has further declined by five points from 63 per lakh live births in 2019-21 to 58 in 2020-22.

However, according to the latest Sample Registration System 2020-22 bulletin for the MMR released by the Registrar-General of India on Friday Karnataka's MMR continues to be the highest among the five southern States.

Karnataka figures for 2020-22 show that the decline has been steady from 69 in 2018-20 to 63 in 2019-21 and 58 in 2020-22. In terms of percentage, the State's MMR has dropped by 8%, recording the third highest percentage dip among the southern States.



Before Ballari deaths

Although this data pertains to maternal mortality in the State before last year's Ballari maternal deaths, the State Health Department is viewing it as a "positive trend".

"This latest data shows a general downward trend over the past few years, suggesting long-term improvement, even if the Ballari incident was a tragic outlier. This reflects better access to antenatal care, institutional deliveries, or emergency obstetric services. The Ballari maternal deaths should not be seen as an indicator of the Statewide decline in healthcare quality," said Rajkumar N., State Deputy Director (Maternal Health).

Karnataka's MMR has been declining since 2016.

Karnataka's MMR, however, continues to be the highest among the five southern States

It had reduced by nine points from 92 per lakh live births in 2016-18 to 83 in 2017-19, during the pre-COVID-19 period. In 2014-16, the State's MMR was 108, and it reduced to 97 in 2015-17.

SDG target met

Although the decline rate is less than half of what was achieved in 2018-20 – when the MMR had reduced by 14 points from 83 per lakh live births in 2017-18 to 69 in 2018-20 – Karnataka is one of the eight States in the country that has achieved the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target much ahead of schedule.

The United Nations had set the SDG target of reaching an MMR of 70 per lakh live births by 2030. This target had been fixed as a mark of improved health outcomes for the developing world. The MMR is a significant indicator that defines the public health of a State. It determines the progress made by States in saving the lives of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and lactation.

Lowest MMR in Kerala

According to the latest SRS data, Kerala has recorded the lowest MMR in the country at 18 per lakh live births. Kerala is followed by Maharashtra (36 per lakh live births), Tamil Nadu (38), Andhra Pradesh (47), Telangana and Jharkhand (50 each), and Gujarat (55). At 58 per lakh live births, Karnataka stands in the eighth position in the country.

Madhya Pradesh has the highest MMR at 159 per lakh live births, recording a 16-point decline from 175 per lakh live births in 2019-21.

While Assam has recorded the highest decline in the MMR by 42 points, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan follow by 17, 16, and 15 points, respectively. Overall, six States have shown an increase in the MMR, with the highest increase of five points in Telangana.

"We are working on further improving our services to bring preventable maternal deaths to zero in the next three years," said Dr. Rajkumar.

Rains lag in south-interior region, but reservoir levels are healthy

The initial spell of showers in the catchment area of the Cauvery in Kodagu district, ensured a continuous inflow into the Krishnaraja Sagar which breached the 100-ft mark as early as on May 30

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The early onset of monsoon in the last week of May has ensured healthy reservoir levels in south-interior Karnataka though the region has witnessed a pause in rains during June.

The four major reservoirs in the Cauvery basin have a cumulative storage of 67% of the installed capacity as of June 14.

The Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS), Hemavati, Kabini, and Harangi have a gross capacity of 114.57 tmcft as against which the cumulative storage in these reservoirs was 76.86 tmcft.

This is in contrast to the storage on the same day last year which was 36.07 tmcft, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC).

The reservoir level at the KRS was 108.92 ft as against the maximum level of 124.80 ft as of June 14, while it was 86.20 ft on the same day last year.

Present status: The water level at KRS stood at 108.92 ft as against the maximum level of 124.8 ft as of Saturday, while it was 86.2 ft on the same day last year. FILE PHOTO

The difference of almost 22 ft. is owing to the heavy inflow into the KRS, thanks to the early onset of monsoon during May across Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Mysuru and surrounding regions.

100-ft mark

The initial spell of rains in the catchment area of the Cauvery in Kodagu, ensured a continuous inflow into the KRS which breached the 100-ft mark as early as on May 30 this year. In a normal year, the dam attains the 100-ft mark during July and according to KSNDMC records, the reservoir attained the 100-ft mark on July 5 in 2024, and on July 25, in 2023.

As per the last 35 years record maintained by the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd., KRS had earlier attained the 100-ft mark in May in 2022, thanks to healthy storage from the preceding monsoon.

The Hemavathi reservoir level was 2,907.42 ft as against the maximum level of 2,922 ft and the gross storage was 24.78 tmcft as against the gross capacity of 37.10 tmcft.

At Harangi near Kushalnagar, the reservoir level was 2,851.95 ft as against the maximum level and the storage was 6.35 tmcft as against the gross capacity of 8.50 tmcft. At Kabini, the reservoir level was 2,276.84 ft as against the full level of 2,284 ft and the gross storage was 15.08 tmcft as against the gross capacity of 19.52 tmcft.

Weak so far in June

Though the region received copious rains during May, the monsoon, so far, has been weak during June. Kodagu, for instance, received 98 mm of rains between June 1 and 14, which is 41% below normal. Chikkamagaluru received 73 mm during the same period and it is 28% below normal, while Hassan registered 37 mm of rainfall, which is 39% below normal.

Mysuru, which received heavy to very heavy rains during May, received 24 mm of rains between June 1 and 14, 43% below normal. As a result, the rate of inflow into the reservoirs has also declined and it was 2,270 cusecs on Saturday.

However, there are traces of monsoon gaining more vigour in the days ahead in Kodagu and surrounding regions which is expected to augment the flow into reservoirs.

With early monsoon onset, sowing sees robust progress

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

The early onset of monsoon and record rainfall in May have resulted in robust progress in sowing activity in Karnataka, with the State surpassing not just the normal coverage level till June 7, but also the previous year's coverage in the same period.

According to data provided by the Agriculture Department, which has set a target of sowing on 82.5 lakh hectares for the kharif season, 20.42 lakh hectares of land has been covered till June 13 as against the normal coverage level of 11.957 lakh hectares for this period. This is 171% of the normal level till June 13.

It is marginally higher than the coverage in the previous year (20.221 lakh hectares), which too had seen enthusiastic agricultural operations fuelled by a good monsoon after a disappointing year of drought.

An analysis of the progress with respect to the overall target for the kharif season shows that the State has already achieved 25% of its sowing target for the season.

The early onset of the southwest monsoon, which is the mainstay for agricultural operations in a majority of areas of Karnataka, is being cited as the main reason for this "robust" progress.

Fact sheet

Total sowing target for kharif	Normal coverage by June 13	Actual coverage by June 13
82.5	11.957	20.42

All figures in lakh hectares

Progress compared with normal coverage 171% | Progress compared with full target 25%

Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy attributed it also to the measures taken by the government to ensure that there is no shortage of agricultural inputs, particularly fertilizer and sowing seeds. "I am personally monitoring the availability of agricultural inputs on a daily basis along with senior officials. We managed to procure soya bean seeds from other States in right time to make up for shortage," he told *The Hindu*.

The monsoon not only entered Karnataka nearly 10 days earlier than the normal onset this year, but also remained vigorous with the State witnessing a 124-year-old record rainfall in May.

Experts and officials said agricultural operations require good and regular rainfall spread over different phases of crop cycle rather than a record heavy rainfall at just one stage. However, the predictions of good rainfall for the months of June and July have triggered hopes of this kharif season too turning out to be bountiful like the previous one that saw food production surpassing the target.

Foodgrain production

The State had achieved foodgrain production of 153.12 lakh tonnes during 2024-25. This time, the Agriculture Department has set a target of 148.48 lakh tonnes, comprising both the kharif and rabi seasons. Agriculture Department Director G.T. Putra is optimistic that foodgrain production for the present year may not only surpass the target, but also the previous year's level. The sowing coverage is bound to increase sharply in the next few weeks as several areas in north Karnataka, which are witnessing rainfall now, he said.

If the prediction comes true, Karnataka will be registering its second highest foodgrain production as the highest so far has been 160.27 lakh tonnes during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Stampede: Moily asks CM to expedite probe by retired judge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Instead of multiple probes, former Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily has appealed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to conduct a single investigation by a retired judge into the stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on June 4, to restore confidence among cricket fans.

He also urged the Chief Minister to expedite the probe into the stampede and take swift action to ensure confidence among the cricketing fraternity.

In a letter to the Chief Minister, Mr. Moily said the government ordered a magisterial probe by the Deputy Commissioner, an inquiry by a retired judge of the Karnataka High Court, and a probe by the Criminal Investigation Department. Action has also been taken against many policemen.

Mr. Moily urged Mr. Siddaramaiah to restore the city and the State's fame by ensuring a proper probe.

Mobile-based attendance for Health Dept. staff

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Health Department is all set to roll out a new "mobile-based geo-fenced real-time" attendance system for its staff, including doctors, from July 1. A Government Order to this effect was issued on June 12.

With this, all staff of the Health Department, including those in hospitals, commissionerate, and other allied offices, should record their attendance using their mobiles.

So far, the department has been using an Aadhaar-enabled biometric attendance system in all its offices and hospitals. However, there were several lapses in this system, officials said.

JD(S) to launch campaign to strengthen party

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

H.D. Kumaraswamy and Nikhil Kumaraswamy

The Janata Dal (Secular) will launch a Statewide campaign on Monday to strengthen the party and improve membership. Called 'Janarondige Janata Dal', it will be led by the party's youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

While the programme will be formally launched by Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy here on Sunday, it will get going from Gubbi in Tumakuru district from Monday and continue for two months.

The JD(S) saw an erosion of its vote share to 13% in the 2023 Assembly polls, down from 19% in the 2018 Assembly elections. The party, however, won the Mandya and Kolar parliamentary seats in 2024 besides helping the BJP win crucial seats of Tumakuru, Mysuru, and Bengaluru Rural, among others, in its traditional stronghold of Old Mysore region.

Multiple events

Sources said the campaign would include multiple events daily, including public meetings, interaction with party cadre, and identification of problems in the areas. The interaction will help in identifying problems in the party structure and allow a decision to rectify them later.

"There could be a possible reshuffle in the district units. There are complaints of a lackadaisical attitude of the district unit office-bearers," said the source.

Sources said the event was expected to bridge the gap between the party workers and the leadership. This will be the first independent party campaign for Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy to bolster the membership. Earlier, he had led the party in a padayatra to Mysuru against the alleged scam in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority, in which Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's family was accused of benefiting from site allocation.

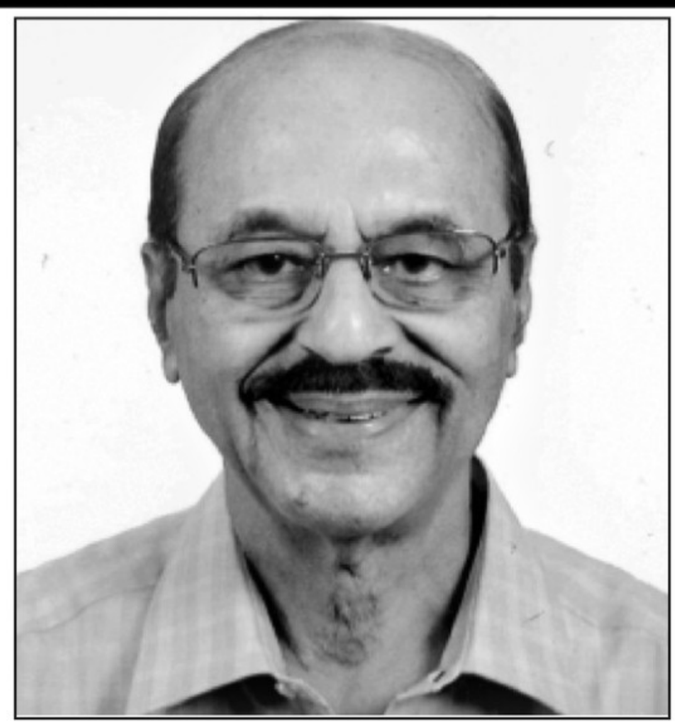
Lost three polls

While Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy has lost the three elections that he has contested, his name has figured among the possible successors of the Union Minister as the party's State president. The event is also expected to galvanise party workers ahead of a possible elections to taluk panchayat and zilla panchayats.

Sources said that as part of the party-building campaign, the JD(S) has also launched a "missed call campaign" to register party workers. "Though primarily the campaign is to build the party, the State government's failures will be highlighted," said the source.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

10th ANNIVERSARY



Mr. C.N.RAMDAS IAS (R)
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Suhas Shetty murder: NIA team in Mangaluru

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrived in Mangaluru to probe into the murder of Suhas Shetty, a Hindutva activist and an accused in two murder cases.

Suhas Shetty was murdered at Bajpe, on the outskirts of Mangaluru, on May 1.

12 held so far

Police have so far arrested 12 persons in connection with the murder.

Police Commissioner C.H. Sudheer Kumar Reddy said the Investigating Officer would hand over the case to NIA.

"The process of handing over the case has begun," Mr. Reddy said. The Union Home Ministry handed over the investigation into the murder to the NIA on June 7 considering the "the gravity of the offence, its national ramifications as well as the need to unearth the larger conspiracy".

It said: "The Central government has received information regarding registration of FIR no. 0080/2025 dated 01.05.2025 by the Karnataka police at Bajpe police station in, District - North Sub-Division, Mangaluru city, Karnataka, under Sections 189(4), 191(2), 191(3), 126(2), 109, 118(1), 103(1), 61 (1), 62, 351(2), 351(3), 190 of the BNS, 2023, and sections 3(1), 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, pertaining to attack on one Suhas Shetty on 01.05.2025 while he was travelling in a car along with a few others, by one Safwan with eight other persons, and the attack resulted in critical injuries to Suhas Shetty and others, and he subsequently succumbed to them in a hospital."

Wan Hai 503 'stable', being towed away from the coast

The containers that fell from the ship could reach Kerala coast between Monday and Wednesday, says State disaster management body; there is a tilt to the port side; smoke is still rising from it

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Mitigation efforts: Smoke billows out from *MV Wan Hai 503* during a salvage operation being carried out by Indian Coast Guard. ANI

Containers that fell overboard from the Singapore-flagged *MV Wan Hai 503* are likely to wash ashore on the Ernakulam, Alappuzha and Kollam coasts between June 16 and June 18. The container ship had caught fire at sea on June 9 following an explosion.

The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) issued the update on Saturday citing the Coast Guard and the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Limited (ITOPF).

The public have been advised to stay away from any suspicious object found on the coast. A distance of at least 200 metres should be maintained from them, the KSDMA said.

The authority urged the people to alert the authorities about their presence on the emergency number 112. It may be recalled that a similar advisory had been issued in the case of the *MSC Elsa* shipwreck in May.

Meanwhile, the Navy said that *MV Wan Hai 503* is at present beyond the 1,000-metre sounding line (depth) at a distance of about 45 nautical miles from the coast. According to the Navy, the ship is being towed to deeper waters. The ship is stable, but with a tilt to port and smoke still rising from it.

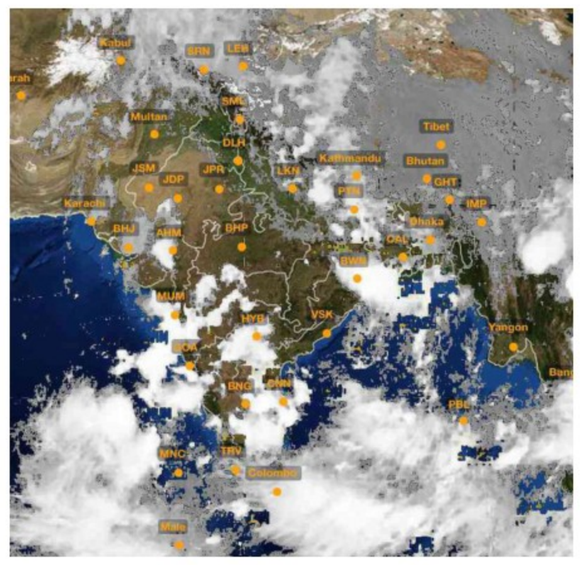
The tug *Offshore Warrior* is towing the vessel with the Coast Guard ship Saksham fuelling the tug, the Navy said.

The Coast Guard is closely working with the Directorate General of Shipping to ensure that the container vessel remains at least 50 nautical miles from the Indian coast.

Salvage operations had moved forward after the vessel's towline was successfully transferred from Coast Guard ships to the ocean-going tug Offshore Warrior.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rain likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.4	32.0	28.4	Kozhikode	50	27.0	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	41.0	29.9	Kurnool	—	33.5	26.2
Aizawl	8.8	32.6	22.6	Lucknow	—	41.9	29.8
Allahabad	—	45.0	30.8	Madurai	0.5	37.5	25.1
Bengaluru	0.6	26.7	21.1	Mangaluru	89	28.8	23.5
Bhopal	—	40.2	29.0	Mumbai	25	32.0	24.6
Bhubaneswar	—	36.4	26.4	Mysuru	1	30.0	20.6
Chandigarh	—	42.2	28.6	New Delhi	—	41.8	29.6
Chennai	—	38.2	27.3	Patna	—	41.5	31.9
Coimbatore	—	28.5	23.4	Port Blair	65	29.9	23.7
Dehradun	—	37.0	24.6	Puducherry	—	35.2	27.0
Gangtok	—	25.4	19.2	Pune	54.2	33.9	25.4
Goa	68	29.2	25.5	Raipur	—	37.7	28.2
Guwahati	—	37.8	27.3	Ranchi	—	36.5	24.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	23.0	Shillong	0.2	25.5	18.4
Hyderabad	3	31.4	24.7	Shimla	0.4	28.4	19.0
Imphal	—	33.5	23.4	Srinagar	0.2	30.3	19.4
Jaipur	—	42.3	31.2	Thiruvananthapuram	70	30.6	23.6
Kochi	69	27.6	24.2	Tiruchi	—	35.7	26.6
Kohima	16	29.5	19.5	Vijayawada	—	33.4	28.4
Kolkata	—	37.8	29.4	Visakhapatnam	0.1	34.0	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.15	.22	27	135	89	
Bengaluru	.13	3	14	40	119	
Chennai	.15	.22	15	44	64	
Delhi	.17	.37	62	135	192	
Hyderabad	.26	.17	39	61	74	
Kolkata	3	.57	20	57	57	
Lucknow	.10	.33	50	128	101	
Mumbai	.43	.16	49	32	99	
Pune	—	.18	46	150	126	
Visakhapatnam	8	.45	20	48	67	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 243 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Palkalaiperur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Issue directive on mandatory reporting of foreigners: Karnataka HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) of the State government to issue a notification instructing all educational institutions, medical establishments, business entities, and State agencies to report immediately to the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) any engagement with foreign nationals, in a prescribed format.

The instructions would apply to all educational institutions, including universities, private colleges, language schools, etc. It would also apply to all medical establishments (hospitals, diagnostic centres, and wellness centres), all employers, including business entities, NGOs, research organisations, and cultural bodies and State agencies like the police, local authorities, district collectors, the court said.

All existing foreign nationals currently associated with these institutions/establishments must be audited and verified, the court said.

2015 petition

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the interim order while dealing with a petition filed in 2015 by six Syrian nationals, who had then sought extension of their visas. The petitioners were found overstaying for the past 10 years and were untraceable. However, they personally appeared before the court recently after the court told their advocate that it would not entertain their petition without their personal appearance.

During the hearing, the Central government said foreign nationals enter India under the pretext of studying at recognised educational Institutions, obtaining treatment at designated medical establishments, and employment in certain companies or research establishments. And some of them overstay beyond the period of visa.

Noticing this scenario, the court also directed the ACS to give instructions to these institutions and establishments to submit periodic status reports with the FRRO and cautioned the police that failure to comply would attract civil, criminal, or administrative penalties.

Also, the court directed the State government to inform the court whether the foreign nationals, who have overstayed in Karnataka are registered with the appropriate local or Central authority under the applicable law.

Asking whether the State authorities have details, like present address, institution/establishment, mobile number, email addresses, etc., of each overstaying foreign national, the court asked the government to inform the manner in which such data is stored, monitored, and updated and whether it is linked to the national immigration databases.

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-: Re-Tender Notification :- (KPPP portal only)

The Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Arasikere, invites tenders through kppp portal as details below: Sl No.1)Description: DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 38494/CALL-2 Type: General Head of Account: IDSMT Fund Tender Amount (in Lakhs)84.21 E.M.D. Amount (in lakhs)1.69 1.Last date for Submitting of completed tender documents through e-portal is 01/07/2025 upto 17:30 hrs 2.Details can be obtained online through http//www.kppp.portal.gov.in portal

sd/-President, City Municipal Council, Arsikere | **sd/- Municipal Commisioner, City Municipal Council, Arsikere**

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Government of Karnataka
The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 08/2025-26, Dated: 13.06.2025

Tender is invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-4 from the eligible registered Contractors of Karnataka PWD for work of amount put to tender of Rs.198.55 lakhs under PWD Holenarasipura Sub division jurisdiction. Last date of Receipt of tender is 23.06.2025 till 4.00 PM. For more details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan.

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Karnataka Public Work Department
(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara

No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/ /2025-26/917 Date:-12.06.2025

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the works notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in One or Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through KPP Portal, following the link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
	THESE WORK ARE RESERVED FOR SC CATOGERY	
1	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22231	100.00
	THESE WORK ARE RESERVED FOR CAT-2A CATOGERY	
2	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22272	4.95
3	PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT10501/CALL-3	18.00
4	PWD/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT20750/CALL-2	100.00
	General Work	
5	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22040	10.00
6	PWD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT21462	50.00
7	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22273	5.00
8	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT20267/CALL-2	200.00

1.Quarries of Tender On: **As Per kppp Portal.** 2.Last Date of Tender Submission On: **27.06.2025@ 16.00 Hours.** 3.Tender Opening date On: **30.06.2025@ 16.30 Hours.** 4.Financial Bid Opening Date: **As Per kppp Portal.**

Note: Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition , Tenderers can view in kppp Portal.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/ KSMCA/RO No/100

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Mr. Krishnamurthy. K Residing no.33, KK Mansion, Kadabagere Main road, Kadabagere, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru-562130 & others (partner's) are desirous of purchasing below mentioned scheduled property morefully set out in schedule herein below, hereinafter referred to as "Schedule property " from it's present owner Mr. KARAN V BOOLANI grand son of BALDEV L. BOOLANI (owner) Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, agreement, claim or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may contact the undersigned and may offer their Version, in writing within **7 (seven) days** from the publication of this notice with relevant documents, failing which my clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing **New Sy. No. 64/3** (old sy. No.**Sy. No. 64)** measuring **1 Acre 8.3 Guntas** situated at Kachohalli Village, Dasanpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : 20 feet Road & Sy. No.64 belonging to Mr.Manmohan Rathi Das;
West by : Private Property
North by : Magadi Road & Sy No.64/1
South by: Private Property

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that the undersigned Advocates are investigating the title and ownership rights of **Sion Eden Developers Private Limited.,** (CIN U68100KA2024PTC192093) a company registered under the Companies Act 2013, having its registered office at 150, Embassy Point 1st Floor, Infantry Road Bangalore - 560 001 (hereinafter referred as the "Owner"), in respect of the properties described in the Schedule below and collectively referred to herein as the "Schedule Properties".

The Owner has represented that it is the absolute owner of all the land parcels comprised in the Schedule Properties, having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Public is notified that if any person/s, entity, company, firm or institution has or asserts any right, title or interest by way of sale, lease, license, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, easement, objection, agency, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, assignment, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit, decree, injunction order or attachment or award passed by any Court or Authority litigation, lis-pendens, decree or order of any adjudicating authority, exchange, partition, power of attorney, Will, bequest, FAR / FSI, tenancy, development rights, family arrangement /settlement, allotment, acquisition, requisition, beneficial right / interest under any trust, pending litigation, claim, demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this Notice, failing which it shall conclusively be presumed and deemed that the Owner has a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Properties and that no one else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of converted immovable properties described herein below are situated at Bettahalasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk (earlier Bangalore North Additional Taluk), Bangalore District and bounded on its:

Sl No.	Survey Nos	Extents		Boundaries			
		Acres	Guntas	East	West	North	South
1	255/2	1	28 ¾	Land bearing Sy. Nos. 339, 340 and 341	Land bearing Sy. Nos 255/4, 5 and 6	Remaining portion of Land bearing Sy. No. 255/2	Land bearing Sy. No. 341
2	255/4	1	10 ¾	Land Bearing Sy No. 255/2	Land Bearing Sy No. 256	Land Bearing Sy No. 255/3	Land Bearing Sy No. 255/5
3	255/5	1	5	Land Bearing Sy No. 255/2	Land Bearing Sy No. 256/3	Land Bearing Sy No. 255/4	Land Bearing Sy No. 255/6
4	255/6	0	37	Land Bearing Sy No. 255/2	Land Bearing Sy No. 256	Land Bearing Sy No. 255/5	Land Bearing Sy No. 341
5	341/1	1	39	Land Bearing Sy No. 341/3	Land Bearing Sy No. 341/2	Land Bearing Sy Nos. 255/2, 255/6 and 340	Land Bearing Sy No. 341/4
6	341/2	4	20	Survey No. 341/1	Thimmasandra Village Boundary	Survey No. 255	Survey No. 342/2
7	341/3	2	19	Survey No. 259	Survey No. 341/1	Survey No. 340	Survey No. 342/3
8	341/4	1	0	Land Bearing Sy No. 341/3	Land Bearing Sy No. 341/2	Land Bearing Sy No. 341/1	Land Bearing Sy No. 342/1
9	342/1	3	0	Land Bearing Sy No. 342/3	Land Bearing Sy No. 342/2	Land Bearing Sy No. 341/1	Land Bearing Sy Nos. 343 & 344/6
10	342/2	4	20	Survey No. 342/3	Thimmasandra Village Boundary	Survey No. 341/2	Survey No. 344
11	342/3	2	16	Survey No. 259	Survey No. 342/1	Survey No. 341/3	Survey No. 343
12	343	5	14	Portion of Sy No. 259	Survey No. 344	Survey No. 342	Survey No. 258
13	344/1	0	8	Land Bearing Sy No. 344/3	Thimmasandra Village Boundary	Land Bearing Sy No. 342/2	Land Bearing Sy Nos. 344/2
14	344/3	0	8	Land Bearing Sy No. 344/4	Land Bearing Sy No. 344/1	Land Bearing Sy No. 342/2	Land Bearing Sy Nos. 344/2
15	344/4	0	8	Land Bearing Sy No. 344/5	Land Bearing Sy No. 344/3	Land Bearing Sy No. 342/2	Land Bearing Sy Nos. 344/2
16	344/5	0	8	Land Bearing Sy No. 344/6	Land Bearing Sy No. 344/4	Land Bearing Sy No. 342/2	Land Bearing Sy Nos. 344/2
17	344/6	0	8	Land Bearing Sy No. 343	Land Bearing Sy No. 344/5	Land Bearing Sy No. 342/2	Land Bearing Sy Nos. 344/2

Date: 15-06-2025
Place: Bengaluru

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NOTICE is hereby given that, my clients **Sri. Ronald A Rasquinha S/o Sri.John M Rasquinha** Residing at No.A 101, Jade Apartments Vas Lane, Falnir, Mangalore-575 002 and **Sri. Sydney S Rasquinha S/o Sri. Ronald A Rasquinha** Residing at Casa Bella No.7, Binnamangala 2nd Stage, KHB 7th Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560038, are the absolute Owners of the Schedule property having got registered Sale deed from Sri.Naresh Sunderdas Jagasia, Sri.Vinod Sunderdas Jagasia represented by his POA holder Sri.Naresh Sunderdas Jagasia and Smt.Tulsi Sunderdas Jagasia represented by her POA holder Sri.Naresh Sunderdas Jagasia on 08.08.2016, My clients Lost / misplaced **1).** Original Possession certificate dt 15.06.1977, **2).** Original Sale deed dt 06.03.1982 doc No.3730/1981-82 **3).** Original Sale deed dt 21.02.1987 doc No.3257/1986-87, **4).** Original GPA dt 26.06.1995 doc No.0865/1995, **5).** Original GPA executed by Sri.Andrew Monterio in favour of Smt. Annette Monterio and **6).** Original GPA executed by Smt. Shanthi A Hingo Rani in favour of Smt.Tulsi B Bhatia, pertaining to the schedule property and they have already lodged online complaint to that effect vide E lost report No.1647537/2025 dated 11.06.2025.

Any person/s are in possession of the aforesaid original document may return the same to under mentioned Advocate or anyone having any claim over the said property or any other claims by any person/s Nationalized banks, MNC Banks Private Banks, Co-Operative Banks any Financial institutions Governed by the RBI Rules may lodge their objections in writing within **7 days** from this day to the under mentioned Advocate. Failing which the present IDBI Bank will go ahead to finance the same for the purchase of the above said property by Smt.Rashmi P w/o Sri.Raghavendra Nadig and Sri.Raghavendra Nadig s/o. late Sri.Nadig Ramarao and they are going to create mortgage in favor the said bank on the basis of Certified copies of the above said Six (6) documents for creation of Equitable Mortgage/Registered Mortgage.

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Centre sets up panel to frame response

Apart from the Home Secretary, who will be the Chairperson, the high-level committee will include the Joint Secretary of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs; representatives of the State Home Department and the State Disaster Response Authority of Gujarat; the Ahmedabad Police Commissioner; the Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security; the Director General of Civil Aviation; the Director General of Inspection and Safety, Indian Air Force; the Special Director, Intelligence Bureau; and the Director, Directorate of Forensic Science Services.

The four-point scope of the committee defined in the order states that it will "ascertain the root cause of the [flight AI-171] crash" and its contributing factors, including mechanical failure, human error, weather conditions, and regulatory compliances. The committee will also recommend necessary improvements, and formulate suitable SOPs to prevent such incidents in the future, including best international practices.

The committee will also suggest policy changes, operational improvements, and training enhancements to prevent such occurrences, and to handle post-crash incident situations.

Tehran will burn if civilians are hit: Israel

"The Iranian dictator is turning the citizens of Iran into hostages and bringing about a reality in which they – especially the residents of Tehran – will pay a heavy price because of the criminal harm to Israeli civilians," Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz said, adding that "if Khamenei continues to fire missiles toward the Israeli home front – Tehran will burn".

The Israeli military said its raids had cleared the path to the Iranian capital. "We have created aerial freedom of action from west Iran all the way to Tehran... Tehran is no longer immune," said spokespeson Brigadier General Effie Defrin.

Israel launched the aerial assault early Friday, only days before Iran and the U.S. were due to hold a sixth round of talks on its nuclear programme.

The Israeli military said it struck an underground facility on Saturday in Khorramabad that contained surface-to-surface and cruise missiles. Operation Rising Lion struck Iran's Natanz uranium enrichment plant and assassinated Iran's highest-ranking military officer, Mohammad Bagheri, as well as the head of the powerful Revolutionary Guards, Hossein Salami, among other senior generals.

On Saturday, the Israeli military said it had Tehran in its sights after strikes on dozens of missile launchers and air defences. "The way to Iran has been paved," the military's chief of staff and air force chief were quoted as saying in a statement. The military "is proceeding according to its operational plans, and (Israeli air force) fighter jets are set to resume striking targets in Tehran," it added.

4 Maoists, 3 of them women, killed in M.P.

The operation was launched in Balaghat's dense forest areas based on inputs of Naxal movement and the encounter was under way in Pachamdadar and Katejhiriya areas of Sonewani forest area, Mr. Shrivastav, Hawk Force Commandant, said.

"We had received input of their movement a couple of days ago after which multiple parties were deployed for a search operation. During one such search, firing started from their side and our personnel responded," the officer said.The encounter was part of a joint operation by the Hawk Force and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), he added.

"Combing efforts are going on in multiple areas and the encounter will continue at least till tomorrow," Mr. Shiyaz said.

New spider species found in southern India

According to Mr. Caleb, the discovery holds particular significance because *Spartaeus* and *Sonoita* have never before been recorded in India. These spiders, part of the *Salticidae* family, are known for their keen eyesight and unique hunting methods, often deceiving other spiders by mimicking prey.

In addition, *Sonoita cf. lightfooti*, a species previously thought to be confined to Africa, was also identified in Karnataka. This raises questions about whether it is a natural range extension or an introduced population, said Mr. Caleb.

The study also resolved a longstanding taxonomic confusion. The species *Marpissa gangasagarensis*, described in 2005 from Gangasagar, West Bengal, was confirmed to be the same as *Phaeacius fimbriatus*, a species first described in 1900, following careful examination of historical museum specimens, the study noted.

With these findings, India's spider fauna under the *Spartaeinae* subfamily has grown to 15 species across 10 genera. Despite these advancements, the study pointed out, much of India's varied terrain remains under-studied, with many more species waiting to be uncovered.

Jaishankar urges Iran, Israel to avoid any escalatory steps

External Affairs Minister speaks to his counterparts seeking return to diplomacy after attacks; both the countries are strategic partners of India, and in close contact with Indian officials

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of intensification of Israel-Iran conflict on Friday, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held a round of conversations with his Iranian and Israeli counterparts – Abbas Araghchi and Gideon Sa'ar. Israel and Iran are both strategic partners of India and the Foreign Ministers of both the conflicting sides have been in close contact with Indian officials over the recent past.

The Minister-level phone conversation was held shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a phone call from his Israeli counterpart, Benjamin Netanyahu. Mr. Modi had called for "early restoration of peace", and called for stability in the Gulf region that is vital for India's economy and security architecture.

Dialling down: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in a meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi. FILE PHOTO

In the phone call with Mr. Araghchi, Mr. Jaishankar expressed "deep concern of the international community at the turn of events". "He urged avoidance of any escalatory steps and an early return to diplomacy," said the Indian Embassy in Tehran in the statement. In response, the Iranian Foreign Minister "shared Iran's perspective on the situation", said the Embassy of India.

The conversation came hours after Israel hit targets, including nuclear energy research centres, inside Iran. Soon thereafter, Iran unleashed three waves of missiles and drones.

Mr. Araghchi had visited India on May 7 and 8 to co-chair the 20th India-Iran Joint Commission Meeting. It was his first visit to New Delhi since assuming the office as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran in August 2024.

Israel hosts around 30,000 Indian nationals in various industries and academic institutions and Iran is a regional power in the Gulf region which hosts around 10 million Indian expat workers.

Helplines for Indian nationals

NEW DELHI
The Indian Embassy in Israel has said that Indian nationals can contact its helpline at +972 54-7520711 or +972 54-3278392 or cons1.telaviv@mea.gov.in in case of emergency. The helplines for the Indian Embassy in Iran are +98 9128109115, +98 9128109109.

Congress slams govt. over abstention on Gaza ceasefire vote

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mallikarjun Kharge

Attacking the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre for abstaining from voting during the resolution at the United Nations General Assembly for a ceasefire in Gaza, the Congress party on Saturday alleged that India's foreign policy was in a "shambles".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on X, "It is now increasingly evident that our Foreign Policy is in shambles. Perhaps, PM Modi must now take a call on his EAM's [External Affairs Minister] repeated blunders and set some accountability."

"Have we abandoned India's consistent stand advocating for a ceasefire, peace, and dialogue in the Middle East and West Asia? This stance is deeply rooted in our long-standing tradition of Non-Alignment and moral diplomacy, through which India has always championed justice and peace in international conflicts," the Congress president said.

K.C. Venugopal, the party's general secretary (organisation), said India had always stood for peace, justice, and human dignity. "But today, India stands alone as the only country in South Asia, BRICS, and SCO to abstain on a UNGA resolution demanding a ceasefire in Gaza. 60,000 killed. Most of them women and children. Thousands starving," he said.

India steers clear of SCO's statement on Israel's strikes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after India abstained from a UN General Assembly resolution in support of a ceasefire in Gaza, the government distanced itself from Saturday's statement at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) that "strongly" condemned Israeli military strikes on Iran, saying "India did not participate in the discussions" at the SCO on this statement.

In its statement, the SCO came out in support of Iran, a member State, and said the Israeli attacks had led to civilian casualties, and were contrary to international law and the United Nations Charter.

After the SCO statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said Israel-Iran hostilities should be dealt through "channels of dialogue and diplomacy".

Canada ties, trade, Iran-Israel clash in focus as PM leaves for 3-nation tour

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

In his first visit abroad since the strikes on Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave on Sunday for a three-nation tour to Cyprus, Canada and Croatia. He will be attending the G-7 summit of Western-allied developed economies during the tour, which will conclude on June 19. Mr. Modi's aircraft will make refuelling stopovers in Cyprus and Croatia. He will be the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Cyprus since 2002, and the first to visit Croatia since the country was founded in 1991.

However, it is the visit to Canada, 10 years after he visited last, as well as his meetings on the sidelines of the G-7 summit, where India is one of five special invitees, which will be watched most closely. Mr.

Narendra Modi

Modi is expected to speak about India's fight against terrorism at every stop, including holding Pakistan accountable at the United Nations, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and other multilateral institutions.

"This would be the Prime Minister's sixth consecutive participation in the G-7 summit. At the summit, PM (Modi) will exchange views with leaders of G-7 countries, other invited outreach countries and Heads of International Organisations on crucial global issues, including energy security, technology and innovation, particularly the AI-energy nexus and Quantum-related issues," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement on Saturday.

Mr. Modi will meet with Canadian PM Mark Carney, which the Ministry referred to as a chance to explore a "reset" in acrimonious ties, and to restore diplomats in each other's capitals.

While the Ministry has yet to confirm Mr. Modi's other bilateral meetings, this would be the first time Mr. Modi will see U.S. President Donald Trump since Mr. Trump claimed credit for mediating the India-Pakistan truce, which India has denied.

The ongoing Israel-Iran conflict, Israel's bombardment of Gaza, the Russia-Ukraine war and the economic disruptions caused by U.S. tariffs are all expected to dominate what is expected to be a fractious discourse at the G-7 summit on June 16, given the divide between the U.S., and other members on these issues.

On Sunday, Mr. Modi will depart for Nicosia, Cyprus, for talks with President Nikos Christodoulides, where he is expected to address business leaders and discuss plans for the India-Middle East Economic Corridor (IMEC) that have been stalled due to the situation in Israel since 2023.

Mr. Modi's visit to Cyprus, which has a decades-old territorial tussle with neighbour Turkiye, is also seen as a sharp message from New Delhi to Ankara over Turkiye's support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. Mr. Modi will travel to Zagreb on the final part of the tour, for talks with Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković, on June 18.

Congress MP writes to RS chair on judge impeachment

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Vivek Tankha has written to Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, chairman of the Upper House, to remind him about a pending motion, signed by 55 MPs, seeking removal of Justice Shekhar Yadav of the Allahabad High Court on the grounds "of alleged misbehaviour unbecoming of a judge".

"Queries were raised regarding the authenticity of some signatures, including that of my signature. I have clarified, and supposedly other MPs must have clarified to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat that the signatures are genuine and correct. MPs signed in the presence of each other on three sets of the representation in the House itself..." Mr. Tankha said in his letter, dated June 12.

'Countries will react based on their interests'

In a preliminary analysis of Operation Sindoor, former National Security Adviser says the military did well, but lessons need to be learnt on strategic communication; Indian diplomatic efforts did not fail but China and Turkiye used the opportunity to consolidate their ties with Pakistan, he says

INTERVIEW

Shiv Shankar Menon

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

In a preliminary analysis of India's response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, former National Security Adviser (NSA) and Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon, who has also served as India's Ambassador to China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Israel, told *The Hindu* that Indian diplomacy has not failed to convey the country's position on terrorism, as some argue, but countries will respond to fears of conflict with Pakistan according to their own interests.

From 2008 to 2025, do you see India's responses to terror attacks as a gradual evolution, and what should one expect if there is another terror attack in India?

Right now, I think nobody knows, which is why even the Government of India describes it as a 'pause'. It's not resolved. Israelis have a phrase – 'mowing the grass'. Force is useful to mow the grass, but the grass grows again. And given Pakistan's situation and the nature of the Pakistani polity, and the role of the Pakistan Army and its use of the jihadi *tanzeems* (organisations) against India... this problem of having to mow the grass regularly is going to be with us for some time.

Given China's role in supporting Pakistan, do you think, India's strategic challenges have shifted from disparate challenges to a two-front war?

Militarily, I don't think we know enough, but we clearly have seen the Pakistan Army itself shift in terms of doctrine, in terms of tactics, and in terms of reliance on Chinese equipment, Chinese theories, Chinese ways of war.

FILE PHOTO

And both the Pakistanis and the Chinese have made much of this in their narrative and their projection and their propaganda. There have been very strong Chinese statements of support for Pakistan in 1971 and 1965, and so on. But they never did anything.

Question is, what did they actually do to help Pakistan? There's a level of military fusion there, which is much closer than it's ever been before, and that is something worth watching.

Do you think more information should be put out?

You can't have a conflict without losses. There are lessons to be drawn about strategic signalling here and about narrative control here, because I think we could have been quicker off the block with responses during Operation Sindoor. I was outside India at that time, and I could see that Pakistan's responses were at least six to 12 hours ahead of India's. They were the ones out first with their version. Militarily, India did well, judging by whatever we know in terms of air defence, in terms of our own equipment, and in terms of tactics and strategy as well. Unfortunately, Indian media made us seem less credible by a lot of the stories that they were putting out, which didn't stand the test of reason.

Just watching what they were saying [reports of the bombardment of Karachi, Pakistan PM's residence, military coup, etc.] were patently untrue, and that didn't help at all. The [government's] silence didn't help either. There are lessons to be drawn from any conflict, and in this case, I think the communication is certainly one of them.

Did Indian diplomacy fail, as is being portrayed, given that India did not seem to receive clear messages of support for Operation Sindoor, as Pakistan did from China and Turkiye, and given Mr. Trump's comments?

Not at all. Countries will choose to react to an attack or a situation based on their interests, on what they can get out of it. For Turkiye, for China and so on, here was an opportunity to consolidate their ties with Pakistan, which is important to them for various reasons. And they chose to do it. India got the world's support on the terrorist attack.

When it came to a conflict, however, they've seen this conflict for 80 years. You don't expect them to send you letters of support in a conflict. India didn't ask for it, and shouldn't expect it either. India maintains that it will settle its issues bilaterally. So why would we ask other countries for support or their opinion about what we do? People will use your conflicts, for their interests, to suit their own purposes, and in this case, it serves Mr. Trump's political purposes to claim the credit to say that something's working, that he's important, that he matters.

(Full interview is at newsth.live/shivmenon)

Gujarat government confirms 19 victims identified through DNA

Two days on, no official data on deaths among medical college residents; officials say the handover of remains to families is under way; airline announces an immediate financial support of ₹25 lakh to each of the families of the deceased

Abhinay Deshpande
Jagriti Chandra
AHMEDABAD

Relatives of a victim of the Air India plane crash mourn outside a hospital in Ahmedabad on Friday. PTI

The process of handing over the last remains of the victims of Air India's Boeing 787 crash to their families kicked off on Saturday, and a total of 19 victims have been identified through DNA testing, Gujarat's Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi said on Saturday.

"19 DNA samples have been matched so far, confirming the identities of victims. State Forensic Science Laboratory unit team and National Forensic Sciences University team are working through the night to match more DNA samples," Mr. Sanghavi said in a post on X.

"Apart from forensic experts from across Gujarat, several experts sent by the Centre are working around the clock to match DNA samples. As soon as the results are ready, they are sent to the Civil Hospital so that families can claim the bodies," he had said earlier.

However, there was still no official confirmation of the deaths beyond the 241 deaths of passengers and crew aboard the aircraft that crashed into the mess building, where students of B.J. Medical College (BJMC) were assembled for lunch, and four columns of hostel buildings, where there have been several deaths.

'Slow process'

Dr. Rajnish Patel, Head of Surgery at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, who jointly addressed a press conference earlier in the day with the Gujarat government's Relief Commissioner and Secretary, Revenue Department, Alok Kumar Pandey, described the DNA matching exercise as a "meticulously slow process" that typically required 72 hours.

When *The Hindu* asked him about the total number of crash victims' bodies at the hospital, Dr. Patel deflected the question, saying, "I don't have that data."

When asked about the number of families which had arrived at the hospital to provide DNA samples and claim the bodies of their loved ones, he again said he did not have the information available with him. Earlier, eight visually identifiable victims were released to relatives without the need for DNA analysis.

"A total of 230 teams have been formed to establish contact and hand over the mortal remains to the families. We began handing over the bodies today," he said.

Mr. Pandey added that the victims from Gujarat hailed from 18 districts and that the administration was also in touch with diplomats of other countries. Death certificates were also being issued to the families on the spot.

"Each body will be escorted to its native place in an ambulance with police protection. Grief counsellors are also being provided to help families cope with the trauma," he added.

Speaking about the condition of the lone survivor from among the 242 aboard the Air India aircraft, Dr. Patel said: "He is a lucky man. His condition is stable, and he can walk and talk normally."

Airline extends help

A day after Air India and Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran visited Ahmedabad, the airline's CEO, Campbell Wilson, met with the families of the deceased.

The airline also announced an immediate financial support of ₹25 lakh to each of the families of the deceased as well as survivors, in addition to the sum of ₹1 crore announced earlier.

The airline's technical and customer support team was at Ahmedabad's B.J. Medical College. Over 200 trained caregivers were also deployed to support each family in different ways, including access to counselling.

(With PTI inputs)

Another body recovered from crash site; four MBBS students confirmed dead

Abhinay Deshpande
AHMEDABAD

Salvage operation: The wreckage of the Air India plane being lifted by a crane in Ahmedabad on Saturday. VIJAY SONEJI

Firefighters assisting forensic and aviation authorities at the Air India crash site in Ahmedabad discovered another body on Saturday morning.

Confirming the development, Additional Chief Fire Officer Jayesh Khadia said: "Our firemen, who are helping forensic and aviation experts in their ongoing investigation at the crash site, found some body parts from the canteen's rubble on Friday, while a body was found this morning."

One more body that had been stuck beneath the tail portion of the crashed aircraft was recovered on Saturday, Dr. Rajnish Patel, Head of Surgery at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, said.

The ill-fated Air India flight AI-171, a London-bound Boeing 787 Dreamliner, that crashed minutes after take-off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, killed all but one of the 242 people aboard, along with several residents on the ground. It ploughed into the medical hostel complex and its mess in the densely populated Meghani Nagar area.

Among those killed were four MBBS students from B.J. Medical College (BJMC), who were having lunch in the mess building when the tragedy struck. The Junior Doctors' Association (JDA) of the BJMC confirmed the fatalities and added that 20 other students were injured in the crash. Of them, 11 have been discharged and are currently in stable condition, while the rest are recovering under observation.

"All admitted patients are stable and recovering quickly," said Dr. Dhaval Gameti, president of the JDA.

In addition to the student casualties, four family members of super-specialty doctors residing in the 'Atulyam' residential quarters also lost their lives. The wife of a resident doctor sustained injuries and is undergoing treatment.

The JDA urged the public to remain cautious about misinformation circulating online, particularly exaggerated reports about the toll among students and medical staff.

"In these challenging times, some individuals are spreading rumours suggesting a high death toll among medical college students and resident doctors. We appeal to everyone not to be misled by such misinformation and to refrain from spreading rumours further," the association said.

"JDA-BJMC expresses deep sorrow for every individual affected by this tragedy and extends heartfelt condolences and support to their families," it added.

(With PTI inputs)

Air India says pre-flight checks completed for nine of 33 of its Dreamliner jets

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An assistance centre opened at the airport for the relatives of the victims, in Mumbai, on Saturday. AFP

Air India said on Saturday that it had completed the one-time pre-flight checks ordered for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation on nine of the 33 aircraft.

"These checks are being carried out on the Boeing 787 fleet as they return to India, before being cleared for their next operations," it said in a press statement about the fresh inspection guidelines ordered by the aviation safety regulator a day after the crash.

The airline is also "on track" to complete this process for the remaining 24 aircraft, Air India added.

The inspections include one-time pre-flight checks of six different items, such as fuel parameter monitoring and associated system, inspection of cabin air compressor, and electronic engine control system test. Additionally, the airline has to also carry out flight control inspection as part of checks while the aircraft is in transit. A power assurance check within two weeks also needs to be performed.

Crash narrowly missed residential area and three hospitals, staving off a larger death toll

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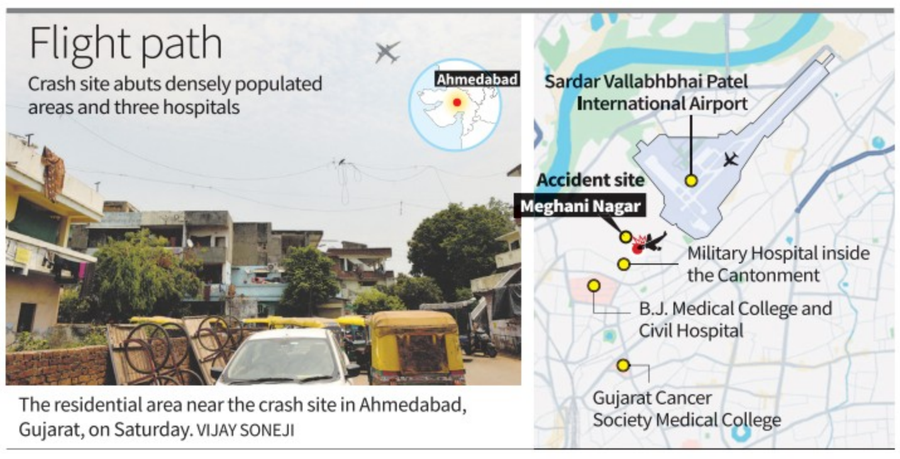
Flight path
Crash site abuts densely populated areas and three hospitals
Ahmedabad
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
Accident site
Meghani Nagar
Military Hospital inside the Cantonment
B.J. Medical College and Civil Hospital
Gujarat Cancer Society Medical College

The residential area near the crash site in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Saturday. VIJAY SONEJI

Air India's Boeing 787 crashed into a hostel at B.J. Medical College in a portion of a sparsely populated area, bordered by dense settlements and at least three hospitals, including the 1,200-bed Civil Hospital, significantly reducing the potential for a greater tragedy.

"If the aircraft had fallen three seconds earlier, it would have fallen atop our colony. Had it fallen three seconds later, it would have crashed into the Civil Hospital within the B.J. Medical College premises," said Parmar Vikram Singh, a shopkeeper in the densely populated Meghani Nagar that is located across the residential campus of medical college. The colony houses 151 blocks, each with 24 flats, he said.

The crash killed 241 out of 242 aboard the aircraft, apart from the deaths among the medical college students on the campus.

While right behind the crash site is Meghani Nagar, to its immediate right is the Military Hospital inside the Cantonment. There are two other hospitals in the vicinity – the Civil Hospital, and, a little further, is the Gujarat Cancer Society Medical College, Mr. Singh said.

At the crash site, adjacent to the mess building and four blocks of the college hostel where the aircraft plummeted, is a massive open plot.

Calculations using Google Maps show that a straight path to the Civil Hospital is located at a distance of 750 metres from the crash site, and the Cancer College is at a distance of 1.83 km. The Military Hospital is only about 330 metres from the site.

Investigators are working to establish the precise sequence of events, but initial observations suggest the aircraft came down in one of the few relatively open patches available within this urban stretch – a tree-lined zone, with portions of open fields – thereby narrowly avoiding densely populated areas and critical infrastructure. That the widebody jet did not impact high-rise housing blocks or the sprawling hospital facilities nearby likely prevented a far larger loss of life.

Mr. Singh grew teary-eyed recalling the narrow escape he had as a resident of Meghani Nagar. "I am feeling emotional because when the crash happened, there was no screaming heard from the site. The deaths were instantaneous," he said.

Govt. must fix accountability for AI-171 crash: Kharge

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NEW DELHI

Visiting the Air India flight AI-171 crash site at Ahmedabad on Saturday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the government must fix accountability and not adopt a stance that "accidents do happen".

At the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, Mr. Kharge met injured people, including the lone survivor of the plane crash, and others injured on the ground, including medical students. He later told presspersons that the Centre must give compensation to the kin of the deceased and to the injured.

Hostels of medical college vacated to facilitate probe

Abhinay Deshpande
AHMEDABAD

A set of coffins arrives at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital for the air crash victims.

B.J. Medical College Dean Meenakshi Pareek said on Saturday that hostels on the campus were being vacated to facilitate the investigation into the Air India crash.

"The Aircraft Investigation Bureau, under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, is carrying out the probe. As part of that, our Atulya 1, 2, 3, and 4 hostels are being vacated. These hostels accommodate postgraduate students, and alternative arrangements have been made for all of them," she said.

At the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, authorities began handing over the mortal remains of the Air India crash victims to their families following DNA confirmation. Sets of coffins arrived at the hospital premises on Saturday for the victims.

Authorities confirmed that 19 DNA samples had been verified, and the families of those victims had been contacted to collect the remains.

Identification process

Late Friday evening, all bodies were shifted from the hospital's post-mortem room to a newly designated building on campus, where forensic experts are conducting autopsies as part of the ongoing identification process.

A source at the hospital said that the autopsy process may take another three or four days.

Rajnish Patel, Head of Surgery at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, said that once families submit their DNA samples, they do not need to wait at the hospital. "We'll inform the families once the [DNA] matching happens," he said.

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INBRIEF

38 held in Assam's Dhubri for stoking communal fire

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said 38 people had been arrested in Dhubri town for trying to stir communal passion by placing the heads of cows in front of a Hanuman temple after Id-ul-Azha on June 7. The headquarters of Dhubri district bordering Bangladesh, the town is about 290 km west of Guwahati. The police caught the "miscreants" hours after he visited the communally charged town on Friday and directed officials to issue a shoot-at-sight order. A man identified as Ramjan Ali Sheikh was arrested earlier on suspicion of being linked to the "beef" recovered. He posted on X, "38 arrested overnight in the Dhubri beef head incident."

Five foreign varsities get LoI to set up campuses in Mumbai

Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday handed over Letters of Intent (LoI) to foreign educational institutions willing to set up campuses in India. Aberdeen University of Scotland, University of York, U.K.; Illinois Institute of Technology from the U.S., Western Australia University and IED, a design institute from Europe, were the colleges that received their letters of intent. These universities will have their campuses at the international education city that is planned in New Mumbai. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was also present at the occasion.

BJP, JD(U) slam Lalu Prasad for 'insulting' Dr. Ambedkar

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Janata Dal(United) leaders on Saturday slammed Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad for allegedly insulting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by placing a portrait of the Dalit icon at his feet. "It is very unfortunate that such a shameful act took place in a democracy. The act proves that he considers himself a king and does not have any respect for anyone," said BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary. Bihar JD(U) State president Umesh Singh Kushwaha also issued a statement saying that the insult to Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's exposes the real mentality of the RJD and the truth of its pseudo social justice.

NIA files chargesheet in CRPF camp attack case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday stated that it has chargesheeted 17 accused, including 16 absconders, in a 2024 case of attack on Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camps by the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) operatives in Chhattisgarh. The chargesheet was filed before a special court in Jagdalpur, and two Central Committee members of the CPI (Maoist) are among the accused, the agency stated. The NIA submitted that the accused had established a replica of the target camp as part of their preparation. "The attackers had attempted to loot weapons and other belongings of the security forces from the camps.

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Manipur unites in grief, across the ethnic divide

Meitei and Kuki-Zo groups mourn the deaths of both K. Nganthoi Sharma and Lamnunthem Singson, two cabin crew members hailing from different communities, in the June 12 plane crash

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

People during a candlelight prayer service organised by the Archdiocese of Delhi in memory of victims of the Air India plane crash at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in New Delhi. PTI

Divided by ethnic strife for more than two years, Manipur has united in grief in the wake of the June 12 crash of Air India flight AI-171.

Meitei and Kuki-Zo groups, yearning for peace, have mourned the deaths of both 20-year-old Kongbrailatpam Nganthoi Sharma, who is part of the Meitei community, and 26-year-old Lamnunthem Singson, a member of the tribal Thadou community, in equal measure.

The pair were among the 10 cabin crew members of Air India's London-bound flight, which crashed seconds after take-off from Ahmedabad.

'Huge loss for all'

"Both were full of life, serving with dedication and pride. Their sudden passing is a huge loss for their families, friends, and for all of us back home. May their souls rest in peace and may their loved ones find the strength to get through this unimaginable pain," former Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh posted on X. The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum, which has been seeking a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo people since the ethnic conflict with the non-tribal Meiteis broke out in May 2023, said it was pained by the crash that killed 241 people on board, including the two crew members from Manipur.

The tribal Thadou Students Association issued a statement with the photos of both Ms. Sharma and Ms. Singson to "express heartfelt condolences to both bereaved families" while assuring them of assistance.

'Two daughters'

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity, which upholds Meitei pride, said it stands in deep solidarity with the families who lost "two precious daughters of our soil".

A spokesperson of the Meitei Heritage Society said: "In death, we are all the same. A tiny State with a population less than many big districts of India, divided on narrow ethnic lines by a few vested interest groups."

Ms. Singson was among those who were displaced from Imphal during the peak of the ethnic conflict. "She was the sole breadwinner of the family for the past few years," her widowed mother, Nemnelihing Singson, said.

Air India recruited Ms. Sharma three years ago, while she was studying for an undergraduate course.

A surprise visit that ended in tragedy for Ahmedabad couple

Abhinay Deshpande
AHMEDABAD

Anil Ambalal Patel, who lost his son and daughter-in-law in the Air India plane crash.

What began as a joyful family reunion turned into an unimaginable tragedy for Anil Ambalal Patel from Ahmedabad, who lost his son and daughter-in-law in the devastating Air India plane crash on June 12.

Pooja Patel, 30, and her husband Harshit, 30, both based in London, had arrived in Ahmedabad on June 2 for two reasons – to seek affordable medical treatment for Pooja after her recent miscarriage and to surprise Mr. Anil, whom they hadn't seen in two years.

"When they showed up at my door, I was speechless. I hadn't seen them since 2022. Pooja had gone through a lot recently, so it was a relief to see her in person," Mr. Anil recalled.

Mr. Anil, who lost his wife Umadevi six years ago, works for Amazon's delivery service in Ahmedabad. His son, an engineering graduate, was employed with the same multinational company in a senior role in London.

The family cherished their brief time together, unaware of the impending tragedy. On June 12, Mr. Anil accompanied the couple to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport to see them off. They were aboard the ill-fated Air India Flight AI-171, a London-bound Boeing 787 Dreamliner that crashed minutes after take-off.

"I dropped them at the airport and came home. Harshit video-called me after they checked in and said he would call again after landing in London," Mr. Anil said, choking back tears. "But in less than an hour, I heard their flight had crashed."

Later that evening, Mr. Anil gave a DNA sample to aid the identification process. On Saturday, he returned to B.J. Medical College, hoping to claim the bodies of his son and daughter-in-law. "I can't rest without seeing them. I came again today, but the staff said updates will be given only on Sunday evening," he said. Officials have told families that DNA-based identification would take at least 72 hours.

No perfect score in NEET-UG; Mahesh Kumar of Rajasthan gets first rank in medical entrance

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Candidates appearing for the NEET- UG 2025, at an examination centre in New Delhi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

No candidate has achieved a perfect score in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) this year, the National Testing Agency (NTA) said, declaring the results on Saturday.

Students said the NEET-UG 2025 question paper was tougher than those of the previous years, which reflected in the candidates' scores.

While 17 candidates scored 720 out of 720 in 2024, this year, Mahesh Kumar of Rajasthan, who secured the All India Rank (AIR)-1, scored 686/720 (99.999547 percentile).

Utkarsh Awadhiya of Madhya Pradesh has secured the second place, while Krishang Joshi of Maharashtra and Mrinal Kishore Jha of Delhi finished third and fourth, respectively.

One woman in top 10

Only one woman candidate made it to the top 10 ranks this year. Avika Aggarwal of the National Capital Territory of Delhi is the woman topper of this year's NEET (UG). She has secured AIR-5.

The top 10 ranks were dominated by General Category students from Delhi, Gujarat, Punjab, and Maharashtra.

In the NEET-UG 2025 results, Delhi leads with the highest number of candidates in the all-India top 10 list. This year, a total of 22,76,069 candidates registered for the exam, out of which 22,09,318 candidates appeared for the exam. A total of 12,36,531 candidates have qualified the medical entrance examination.

Out of the total number of candidates who have passed the exam, 5,14,063 are male candidates, and 7,22,462 are female candidates.

Seventeen candidates among the top 100 are from Delhi, 14 are from Rajasthan, 11 from Maharashtra, nine candidates each are from Gujarat and Punjab, among others.

The States such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, and Madhya Pradesh have candidates in the top 100.

In the tally of States with the highest number of successful candidates, Uttar Pradesh has more than 1.70 lakh candidates qualifying, while 1.25 lakh candidates from Maharashtra have cleared the exam.

The NTA organises NEET for admission to medical colleges every year. A total of 1,08,000 seats in private and government medical colleges are available for the MBBS course.

The NEET is a standardised, national-level entrance exam for undergraduate medical courses in India. Specifically, it's used for admission to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH, and other medical and paramedical programmes, in both government and private institutions.

NIA conducts searches in two States in HuT case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has searched multiple locations in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal and Jhalawar in Rajasthan in a terror conspiracy case related to the banned outfit, the Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT).

"Three locations were extensively searched in Bhopal and two in Jhalawar as part of the agency's continuing probe into the activities of HuT and its members in the case," said the agency. The NIA teams seized digital devices during the searches. "The youth were being motivated to spread violence in a bid to overthrow India's democratically elected government and establish an Islamic State governed by Shariah law," the NIA said.

Proposed AC temperature-control norms build on 2018 guidelines

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The BEE says that considering the current trend, total connected load due to air conditioning will be about 200 GW by 2030. AFP

The guidelines proposed by Union Minister for Power Manohar Lal Khattar, at a conference last week, to limit the operational temperature range of air conditioners across the country, build on a 2018 plan put forward by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).

In 2018, the BEE, which is affiliated to the Power Ministry, issued guidelines to major commercial establishments to conserve energy through optimum temperature settings for air conditioners. The establishments included airports, hotels, shopping malls, offices and government buildings (Ministries and attached offices, State government establishments and public sector undertakings and so on).

The guidelines were voluntary and the BEE said it would undertake a survey to check the proposal's effectiveness.

In 2020, the government mandated that all air conditioners have a default setting of 24 degrees Celsius - considered an optimal setting for human comfort. However, this still allowed individuals to control the temperature settings to their choice.

"The new proposed guidelines take it one step further by having new air-conditioners hardwired to operate in a fixed temperature range of 20 to 28 degrees Celsius," said Alok Kumar, a former Secretary of the Ministry of Power.

The BEE estimates that considering the current market trend, total connected load in India due to air conditioning will be about 200 gigawatts (GW) by 2030 and could further increase as only about 6% of households use one or more air conditioners currently. Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal said last week that India's cooling demand amounted to around 50 GW, or roughly one-fifth of India's peak power demand.

Some countries, such as Japan, already have regulations in place for the functioning of air conditioners. Japan encourages a default setting for air conditioners at 28 degrees Celsius in offices and public buildings.

In major arms haul, Manipur Police seize 328 weapons

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Personnel of the Manipur Police and other security forces recovered 328 weapons during simultaneous operations across five districts of the Imphal Valley on the intervening night of June 13 and 14.

This was one of the largest hauls of firearms since the ethnic conflict between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities broke out in May 2023.

According to a statement by the Manipur Police, the recovered weapons included 151 self-loading rifles, 65 INSAS rifles, 12 light machine guns, six rifles of the AK series, two flare guns, a mortar, and 73 rifles of other kinds. A huge quantity of ammunition was also seized.

Manipur's Additional Director-General of Police Lhari Dorjee Lhatoo said the operations were based on intelligence about a large cache of arms and ammunition stashed in different areas of the Imphal Valley districts. These were conducted jointly by Manipur Police, Central Armed Police Forces, Indian Army, and Assam Rifles personnel.

"These intelligence-based operations mark a major achievement for the Manipur Police and the security forces in their continued efforts to restore normalcy, maintain public order and ensure the safety and security of citizens and their property," a statement said.

Ensure no claim is denied or delayed, IRDAI tells insurers on Air India crash

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

Insurance regulator IRDAI has advised insurers in the wake of the Air India plane crash to ensure no claim pertaining to those who died is either denied or delayed on account of procedural formalities.

"Ensure no claim is denied or delayed... in the case of confirmed deceased individuals from the passenger list and persons at the affected buildings of the crash area," the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) said in a circular to all insurers, reinsurers, Life Insurance Council and General Insurance Council.

It asked the councils to set up a dedicated joint cell at the hospital where those injured after the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed into BJ Medical College hostel and other buildings were getting treatment.

This will help provide information to insurers immediately in respect of the claims or any other assistance required for any of their health/life insurance policies.

IRDAI wanted all insurers to act immediately as the passenger list has already been released. Since medical insurance cover for overseas travel is mandatory, it wanted them to obtain an authenticated list of the passengers as well as insurance policy details of those affected in the vicinity of the crash area.

Verify details in the respective data base of the insurers with regard to the overseas medical insurance policies, personal accident policies and life insurance policies and initiate fast-track processes for claim settlement," the regulator said.

It wanted insurers to waive requirements such as first information report (FIR) or post-mortem reports where official confirmation from authorities concerned are available. It also wanted them to note the claim settlement to the nominee as recorded in the policy.

IRDAI also advised the insurers to nominate a nodal officer at senior level to co-ordinate with the joint cell for speedy settlement of claims. Starting June 16, the insurers should submit a report on weekly basis for a month.

The Councils should publish insurer-wise summary level claims settlement data, it said.

Insurers ease claim process of crash victims

NEW DELHI
Insurance companies SBI Life, HDFC Life and ICICI Lombard on Saturday said they have relaxed the claim settlement process for Air India plane crash victims. PTI

Arunachal declares 2025-35 as 'decade of hydropower'

Move aimed at harnessing the State's potential to generate 58,000 MW of electricity, creating stable and supportive regulatory framework for overall development of industrial ecosystem: CMO

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The Cabinet headed by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has declared 2025-2035 as the 'Decade of Hydropower' to harness the State's potential to generate 58,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

The special Cabinet meeting held on Friday termed the thrust on hydropower as a "strategic management of revenues generated through free power from the hydroelectric projects (HEPs).

Watt formula: According to the agreement with power developers, the State will receive 12% free power from each HEP. FILE PHOTO

Strategic measures

"During the Decade of Hydropower, the government aims to undertake strategic policy and governance measures not just to harness the hydropower potential through a judicious mix of mega, large, and small hydroelectric projects, but also to create a stable and supportive policy and regulatory framework for the overall development of the industrial ecosystem in the State," a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office said.

According to the agreement with power developers, Arunachal Pradesh will receive 12% free power from each HEP, and an additional 1% for a local area development fund.

Arunachal Pradesh expects ₹4,525 crore in annual revenue from 2035 onwards from projects in various stages of completion. These projects, riding cumulative investments of more than ₹2 lakh crore in the next 10 years, have a combined capacity of generating 19 gigawatts (GW) of electricity.

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Escrow account

The State Cabinet approved the creation of an escrow account for "strategic management and effective utilisation of the revenue generated from the proceeds of free power" from these HEPs.

"By effective management of these benefits, the State can make strategic and financial decisions about investing in the overall development of the State. This initiative will not only streamline financial processes but also ensure that the benefits of free power are maximised for the State's long-term sustainable growth and prosperity," the CMO said in the statement.

Plans for Siang project

The Cabinet underscored the need to allay fears and build consensus among the people likely to be affected by the controversial Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) that anti-dam activists said is targeted to generate 11,000 MW of electricity.

The Centre declared the SUMP as a national project in 2008, given its significance from the national security point of view.

The project is being pursued as a counter to China's proposed 60,000 MW project on the Yarlung Tsangpo River in Tibet upstream.

The Cabinet sought regular and detailed interactions with the likely project-affected families (PAFs) regarding the urgent need to conduct the pre-feasibility survey for the SUMP. Villagers in three districts – Siang, East Siang and Upper Siang – have been resisting this survey. The Cabinet emphasised the need for continuous engagement with the PAFs to ensure fair, just, and equitable compensation and solatium, in case the SUMP is found to be feasible.

Alternate towns

The Cabinet directed the State's Department of Urban Development to constitute a New Yingkiong Development Authority and a New Geku Development Authority to pursue "future-ready alternate towns".

It accordingly approved the constitution of a committee to examine land and property compensation rates and suggest the mechanisms to be adopted for designing and implementing a robust rehabilitation and resettlement plan for the PAFs. Geku and Yingkiong are towns in the Upper Siang district.

The Cabinet further directed the Public Works Department to initiate a survey for a necklace road along the Siang River, above the likely submergence area.

INBRIEF

SpiceJet profit after tax jumps nearly threefold to ₹325 crore

Budget carrier Spicejet on Saturday said its standalone profit after tax (PAT) surged nearly threefold to ₹324.87 crore in the March 2025 quarter. The Gurugram-based airline had posted a PAT of ₹119 crore in the fourth quarter of FY24, according to a regulatory filing. However, the revenue from operations for the reporting quarter declined 16% year-on-year to ₹1,446.37 crore from ₹1,719.3 crore in Q4 FY24, SpiceJet said in the filing. PTI

Natco Pharma's API plant gets U.S. FDA observation

Generic drugmaker Natco Pharma's active pharmaceutical igredients (API) manufacturing plant in Mekaguda, Hyderabad, has been issued a Form 483 with one observation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The U.S. FDA conducted the inspection from June 9-13, and the company received one observation in Form-483. The company believes it is procedural in nature and is confident of addressing the observation comprehensively, Natco Pharma said in a filing.

U.S. FDA issues 8 observations to Sun Pharma's Halol facility

Sun Pharma's drug manufacturing facility in Halol, Gujarat, has been issued 8 observations by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The U.S. FDA issued a Form-483 with eight observations following conclusion of a good manufacturing practices inspection of the facility from June 2-13, Sun Pharma said in a filing with the stock exchanges. The U.S. FDA's warning letter had summarised violations with respect to current good manufacturing practice regulations.

Cherrapunji Gin becomes first alcohol label from northeast to be exported

WORLD GIN DAY

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Meghalaya's rain-fed 'Cherrapunji' is literally in high spirits. The Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin has become the first alcohol label from the northeastern part of India to be exported. The Meghalaya-based company announced this on World Gin Day.

The company's CEO Mayukh Hazarika said the gin carrying the British-era name of Sohra is available in parts of the European Union. Beyond this bloc, the product is expected to be marketed in Japan, Thailand, and the United Kingdom later this year.

"This is a moment of pride not just for us, but for the region. We wanted to create a product that tells a story about where it comes from, and we are seeing that story resonate far beyond our expectations," he said.

The gin's international journey coincides with a broader shift in how spirits are being consumed and valued. Globally, gin has emerged as a canvas for local expression, with distilleries in places as far-flung as Japan, Kenya, and Iceland producing regionally inspired versions.

"In India, this movement picked up pace with the emergence of brands focused on hyperlocal ingredients and storytelling," Mr. Hazarika said.

The spirit, produced in small batches using traditional copper stills, is distilled from naturally harvested rainwater sourced from Sohra and Mawsynram, the two wettest places on Earth.

Spirited sanity: Once a colonial-era staple, gin is undergoing a global revival, says Mayukh Hazarika. FILE PHOTO

Its botanical profile is built on local ingredients such as kaji nemu (Assamese lemon), khasi mandarin, Sohmarit pepper, smoked black cardamom, and pine-smoked tea, creating a flavour described by enthusiasts as complex, aromatic, and regionally distinctive.

Mr. Hazarika said Cherrapunji Gin is packaged in a military-grade stainless steel bottle, a sharp departure from the norm in the world of spirits.

"Designed to be reused and repurposed, the bottle is a quiet challenge to the throwaway culture of luxury packaging. Most glass bottles are used once and discarded. We wanted ours to be functional, long-lasting – something people would keep," he said.

He said gin, once a colonial-era staple, is undergoing a global revival. "In recent years, the spirit has seen a sharp uptick in popularity, driven by the rise of artisanal distilleries, experimental botanicals, and an evolving consumer palate that favours provenance, craftsmanship and authenticity," he added.

In India, gin has moved from a niche category to a staple in urban bars and home collections over the last five years. This has been buoyed by the success of premium domestic labels and a surge in cocktail culture.

What was once dominated by imported brands now features a growing number of Indian-made craft gins that foreground regional botanicals and local narratives.

The Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin has won 13 international spirits awards, including a 'Master' medal at the Global Spirits Masters 2023, its launch year, and a silver at the World Gin Awards.

Mr. Hazarika said that government support, especially from Meghalaya, played a major role in enabling this venture.

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Psychology shows signs of recovery from replication crisis

The Hindu Bureau

As if political broadsides weren't enough to undermine public confidence in science, a deep-seated issue became apparent from within science itself in the 2010s: the replication crisis. Researchers began to realise many published papers, especially in psychology and medicine, contained results that couldn't be replicated. It was a surfeit of bad science that also undermined the work of others that was erected on faulty results.

But according to a new paper published in *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, psychology at least may have learnt its lesson. Its author, Duke University postdoc Paul Bogdan, parsed 2.4 lakh papers published between 2004 and 2024 to check whether the field had become more robust since the crisis unfolded. Bogdan focused on fragile *p*-values: statistical results that barely clear the usual cut-off to be considered significant (0.01 to 0.05). The larger the share of such values, the shakier the evidence.

According to Bogdan's analysis, the share of fragile significant results had dropped from 32% at the start of the crisis to 26%. He also found that the downward slide appeared in every major sub-discipline, suggesting a broad cultural shift toward sturdier work.

Sample size was a key driver. The median size climbed rapidly from 2015 while the reported effect sizes inched downward. This was likely because small studies inflate the effects of their findings whereas bigger ones give truer but smaller estimates. Together, these trends pointed to rising statistical power across the literature.

Journals with higher impact scores and papers with more citations also tended to feature fewer fragile *p*-values, reversing a pre-crisis pattern in which splashy outlets often published weaker but more sensational findings.

Bogdan revealed one curiosity: scientists at top-ranked universities still published slightly shakier numbers. He used text-mining to explain the mismatch. Words tied to biology-heavy, clinically demanding studies were associated with fragile results as well as high-ranking institutions. This is because such projects are expensive, labour-intensive, and often ethically constrained, making large samples difficult to gather.

In sum, psychology appears to have tightened its standards even as some better-funded corners of the field remain under-powered because they're tackling tough questions.

To rebuild public trust, scholars at large have recommended that research groups and journals adopt open-data policies and pre-register studies (so even negative results are reported), and that governments better fund resource-heavy studies.

Arc therapy beats tricky cancer while sparing nearby tissue

The first person to receive step-and-shoot SPArc was a 46-year-old woman whose parotid-gland cancer had spread along her facial nerve towards the base of her skull

Vasudevan Mukunth

A team of experts in the U.S. has successfully used a technique called step-and-shoot spot-scanning proton arc therapy (SPArc) to treat a patient's adenoid cystic carcinoma for the first time. SPArc works by targeting tumours with protons while sparing surrounding tissue.

The findings of the team, at the Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital, were published in the June 2025 issue of the *International Journal of Particle Therapy*.

The team compared the results of three techniques: SFO-IMPT (the current standard of care), step-and-shoot SPArc, and fully dynamic SPArc (simulated with computers). The SPArc methods reduced radiation delivered to the brainstem (by 10%), optical chiasm (56%), oral cavity (72%), and spinal canal (90%) over SFO-IMPT.

"This is definitely significant," Narayana Subramaniam, lead consultant, Head and Neck Surgical Oncology at Aster International Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru, said. "In tumours of the head and neck, limiting dose delivery to organs at risk is a major consideration of treatment planning. When these organs receive a higher dose of radiation than they can tolerate, they undergo irreparable damage."

While fully-dynamic SPArc performed better, the difference between the two arc styles was small, the team wrote. In dynamic SPArc, the dose's energy and point of delivery is constantly adjusted, whereas in step-and-shoot the machine follows a pre-programmed pattern.

The researchers wrote that dynamic SPArc is still under development and awaits regulatory clearance and integration with existing oncology information systems.

The first person to receive step-and-shoot SPArc was a 46-year-old woman whose parotid-gland cancer had spread along her facial nerve towards the base of her skull. In June-August 2024, the team said she completed 33 sessions with step-and-shoot SPArc. During this, the woman reportedly had "minor skin irritation" and no issues eating or continuing working. According to the American Cancer Society, conventional side-effects of radiation therapy for head and neck cancers include fatigue, nausea, trouble swallowing, etc.

Dr. Subramaniam said the technology is "likely to be valuable in tumours that are located in anatomically complex areas like the skull base ... where dose delivery has to be precise with reduced spillage to surrounding critical areas. It's also likely to be valuable in large or extensive tumours, where the tumour can be targeted accurately with limited collateral damage to the surrounding tissues."

The treatment protocol included a computer programme that scanned through all possible spots and energy layers where the proton beams could be delivered.

An energy layer is a slice of tissue that receives proton beams of a specific energy. The energy determines the beam's range: how far it is able to penetrate the tissue. When the machine fixes one energy level, its scanning nozzle sweeps dozens of suitable spots and deposits the radiation dose in that energy layer. Then the machine switches to the next energy level and repeats the process, this time delivering a beam with a little more range. This way the whole tumour is 'painted' with radiation.

In each session, once the woman was in position, the team performed a cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) scan. A machine-learning model converted the CBCT data into a synthetic CT with which the team could track the doses to be delivered.

Over the first two weeks, synthetic CT revealed the woman had lost weight and the tumour dose coverage had thus slipped 3-5%. The team adjusted for this from the 13th day.

The gantry was set up to have nine beam angles covering a 180° arc around the woman. It delivered one dose, moved 20°, delivered the second, moved 20°, delivered the third, and so on. The paper said each session took 15-18 minutes and the treatment benefited from the near-continuous radiation delivery.

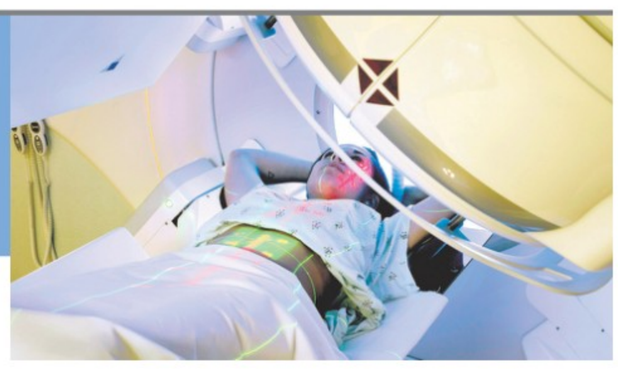
The SFO-IMPT and (simulated) dynamic SPArc methods used the same target plan and had the same goals: deliver a fixed total dose in 33 daily treatments and ensure the proton range isn't off by more than 3.5%.

"With very precise radiotherapy delivery, the concern is that small tumours can be missed, referred to as geographical miss, as movements as subtle as breathing can change their position, and they can shrink in size over the course of treatment and result in inferior cancer cure rates," Dr. Subramaniam said.

"Another significant concern is cost," he added. "These technologies are very expensive and are often suitable for a small patient population. This results in a significant financial burden on the healthcare system and the risk that it may be used in situations where it is not indicated."

Step by step

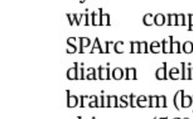
SPArc works by targeting tumours with protons in a near-continuous manner



A woman receives radiation therapy to treat her cancer. GETTY IMAGES

- A team has used step-and-shoot proton arc therapy to treat a parotid gland cancer for the first time
- **The therapy significantly minimised damage to nearby organs over SFO-IMPT, the current standard of care**
- A 46 y.o. woman received step-and-shoot SPArc after her parotid-gland cancer had spread towards the base of her skull
- **In June-August 2024, she completed 33 sessions with step-and-shoot SPArc and received 66 grays of radiation**
- In this time, the woman reportedly had "minor skin irritation" and no issues eating or continuing working
- **Synthetic CT scans were used to track dose delivery, the therapy's performance, and develop adaptive treatment plans**

Cooking oils can help recover silver from e-waste



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

In families across the world, silver is used as a precious metal, next to gold. Happy occasions in most families are celebrated with gold and silver garlands and rings. Silver is, of course, less expensive than gold.

But when it comes to use in industry and energy production, silver beats gold flat. Silver is used to capture sunlight through rooftop solar panels across India, generating about 108 GW of clean and green electricity yearly across the nation (about 10% of what is generated from coal). In addition, mobile phones used by about 1.4 billion people across India use silver for electricity conduction and storage. Each mobile phone uses 100-200 mg of silver. Likewise, a typical laptop computer uses 350 mg of silver, and we have about 50 million laptops in India.

If these are the numbers in India, one can imagine what the numbers across the world might be. It is estimated that about 7,275 metric tonnes of silver are used across the world for these purposes, but barely 15% is recuperated. And when a phone or a computer is damaged or discarded, the silver content is lost. If only we could get back this silver from the waste electrical and electronic equipment...

Clearly, silver plays a critical role in the clean energy transition. Maria Smirnova writes in the 2025 'Sprott Silver Report' that as more and more countries generate renewable power using solar panels, the demand for silver in the coming years will steadily increase. She points out that while some groups have considered using other metals (including lithium, cobalt, and nickel), it is still silver that plays a fundamental role in cleaner and greener energy production. And demand for silver is expected to increase by about 170% by the year. In addition, cars, buses, and trains have started using solar power rather than petrol as fuel. Ms. Smirnova further points out that the International Energy Agency predicts that by 2035, every other car sold worldwide will be electric. That would mean the need for more silver.

Vegetable oils used in our daily cuisine contain organic fatty acids. GETTY IMAGES

It is against this background that a paper by Anze Zupanc, Prof. Timo Repo, and colleagues from Finland has come up with an efficient chemical method to recycle silver: using organic fatty acids, such as linolenic or oleic acids, which are found in seeds, nuts, and vegetable oils (such as olive oil or groundnut oil), which in turn are used in our daily cuisine.

Recovering silver from electronic waste is not simple: it may generate toxic substances from the use of strong acids and cyanide. Rather than use traditional methods of isolating silver from other metals and alloys, the group has come up with a method to separate and recover silver using the chemical method of using common unsaturated fatty acids, abundant in sunflower, groundnut, and other oils. The group found that these are recyclable and thus better than organic solvents and water media.

The researchers also found this method applicable to 'urban mining', where silver retrieval from waste electrical and electronic wastes (WEEE) from discarded computer motherboard pieces becomes possible. The research team concludes, "fatty acids may, therefore, become the next generation of media for treating precious multi-metal waste substrates".

SNAPSHOTS

3D-printed electronic nose sniffs out deadly methanol

Drinking spirits that secretly contain methanol often causes serious blindness or death in India. To spot this danger cheaply, Australian researchers have 3D-printed an electronic nose: a thin film that mixes a porous metal-organic framework with a conductive graphene on a ceramic chip. When methanol vapour touches the film, its electrical resistance jumps more than it does for ethanol. This way, the sensor reliably picks up methanol at just 50 ppb even when ethanol levels are 10 ppm and humidity is high.

This penicillin needs the green light to work

Scientists have made a version of penicillin that only works when green light is shined on it. They plugged a small light-sensitive 'cap' onto the antibiotic's handle, so in the dark it couldn't grab its bacterial target. Exposing the capped drug to green light popped the cap and restored the drug's potency. In lab tests, the awakened drug stopped *Escherichia coli* from growing wherever light fell while the penicillin in the dark didn't. The scientists say the technology could help slash antibiotic overuse.

Life of Mongolian dino presages *T. rex* rise as apex

Scientists have found a new meat-eating dinosaur in Mongolia called *Khankhuuluu mongoliensis*. Its bones show it was a midsize cousin of *T. rex* that lived roughly 90 million years ago. By lining up its skeleton with many other tyrannosaurs, the team found that small Asian dinos like *Khankhuuluu* first crossed a land bridge into North America, where they rapidly evolved. The discovery reshapes our picture of when, where, and how the tyrannosaur family rose to the top.

Question Corner

Squishy stuff

What is soft matter?

Soft matter is the branch of science that studies materials that can be shaped, stretched, squished or flowed by applying small forces. The building blocks of soft matter are held together by weak forces that heating can easily displace, so the material changes shape without needing much energy.

Soft-matter research asks questions such as: How do long polymer chains become entangled to make plastic flexible? How do soap molecules arrange themselves to form stable foams? Why do nanoparticles in milk stay evenly mixed instead of sinking? Understanding these questions lets engineers design better bike helmets with energy-absorbing foams, tastier ice cream by controlling ice crystals and air bubbles, safer drugs using gel networks, and stronger yet lighter materials like graphene aerogel nanolattices.

In short, soft matter is the science of squishy stuff, where tiny interactions create the rich, often surprising behaviours seen in materials we use every day. Research on it is currently gaining in attention.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Why has the Axiom-4 mission been delayed?

Why was the mission postponed four times? Has a new date for the launch been announced?

Vasudevan Mukunth

The story so far:

On June 10, Axiom Space announced that the launch of its Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) would be postponed indefinitely. The mission crew included India's astronaut-designate Shubhanshu Shukla, who – if the rocket had lifted off as planned – would have become the first Indian in earth orbit after 40 years and the first Indian onboard the ISS.

What is the Axiom-4 mission?

The Axiom-4 mission is the fourth mission planned by U.S.-based spaceflight company Axiom Space to the ISS. It consists of a crew of four people – Peggy Whitson, Shubhanshu Shukla, Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski, and Tibor Kapu – plus cargo. To facilitate the mission, NASA had contracted Axiom, which in turn had contracted the Falcon 9 rocket and the Dragon crew capsule for the mission from SpaceX. The mission is commercial in nature and isn't part of the regular resupply missions NASA undertakes to the ISS. Following an announcement to strengthen India-U.S. ties in 2023, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) spent more than ₹500 crore for Mr. Shukla to fly on the mission. Mr. Shukla is one of the four astronaut-designates for ISRO's forthcoming Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission. His compatriot Prasanth Nair is part of the Axiom-4 backup crew.

Ahead of Thursday's flight, SpaceX had tested one of the rocket's engines as a matter of procedure and discovered it was leaking liquid oxygen

Why was the launch called off?

Ahead of Thursday's flight, SpaceX had tested one of the rocket's engines as a matter of procedure and discovered it was leaking liquid oxygen (LOX). LOX is cryogenic, meaning it needs to be stored at an extremely low temperature. If it is exposed to warmer conditions, the oxygen will turn into gas and not be usable as fuel.

Falcon 9 engines combust a mix of rocket-grade kerosene and LOX to generate thrust, so a LOX leak is a serious issue. The Axiom-4 mission had first been scheduled for lift-off on May 29 but had to be postponed four times. The delays were a result of a combination of unfavourable conditions related to the weather and the launch vehicle.

Then on June 12, NASA also said it and Russia's Roscosmos were tracking an anomalous pressure reading on an ISS service module after recent maintenance. "The postponement of Axiom Mission 4 provides additional time for NASA and Roscosmos to evaluate the situation and determine whether any additional troubleshooting is necessary," NASA had said in a statement.

Why was a new date not given immediately?

Since a LOX leak is a serious issue, SpaceX needed to find the precise source of the leak and why the underlying component(s) failed. How much time this would have taken was unclear. There are also particular launch 'windows' when a launch can deliver the crew to the ISS with minimal fuel and energy use, including the amount of time the crew capsule will be exposed to sunlight.

But because the ISS is so close to the earth, launch windows appear more frequently than those for the moon or Mars. NASA has already indicated there are more opportunities through June and July. Other factors that affect the suitability of a launch window include time on the launch pad for lift-off and access to free docking ports on the ISS. The U.S.'s NASA, Russia's Roscosmos, and (less often) some other space agencies also send missions to the ISS and need to plan when and for how long their capsules are docked.

At noon on June 14, it was announced that Axiom would reattempt the launch on June 19.

How hard is it to fix a LOX leak?

When it leaks, LOX flashes to an invisible vapour almost instantly and can be blown away by winds or fans nearby. Detecting it often entails time-consuming and labour-intensive work. Many joints in the components associated with storing and pumping LOX are insulated with foam or are located in nooks, meaning many regular leak-detecting methods can't physically reach them. Materials contract at cryogenic temperatures (around 90 K), so a hole may appear closed at ambient temperature but open at cryogenic temperatures. So once a hole has been fixed, engineers may need to repeat tests at both warm and cold conditions or test with liquid nitrogen to mimic operating conditions. Testing with LOX itself can be hazardous.

Fortunately, experts have been working with cryogenic engines for long enough to know which tools to use and which processes to follow once the leak has been identified. These include visual inspections, bubble tests, helium signature tests, flow-metre tests, ultrasonic microphones, and thermal imaging.

Who takes responsibility when a ship sinks?

What were the two recent shipping-related accidents which have happened across the coast of Kerala? What is a bill of lading? What role does the International Maritime Organization play when it comes to global merchant shipping? What is the SOLAS Convention?

Kalyanaraman. M

The story so far:

On June 9, *MV Wan Hai 503*, a Singapore-flagged vessel, caught fire nearly 88 nautical miles off Kerala's Beypore coast. The vessel was carrying more than 2,000 tonnes of fuel and hundreds of containers, the burning of which has caused concerns about the potential ecological impact. Search operations for the hazardous containers are still on. Earlier on May 25, the Liberian container ship *MSC ELSA 3* sank off the coast of Kochi, Kerala.

Who regulates global shipping?

Global merchant shipping is primarily regulated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The IMO is among the most powerful UN agencies as many of its prescriptions and guidelines apply across shipping, given the multinational nature of the industry. Countries that are members of the IMO, India included, sign various conventions that lay down norms regarding pollution, safety, accidents, liabilities and responsibilities, after which member states pass appropriate domestic legislation or lay down rules that sync with convention prescriptions. In India, it is the Directorate General (DG) of Shipping which issues notices for such purposes. In some cases, Parliament sanction may also be needed.

In general, India is a signatory to many conventions, barring a few such as the 2004 Ballast Water Convention and the 2010 Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Convention. The HNS Convention deals with liability and compensation for damage related to the carriage of hazardous and noxious substances on ships. Given the increasing accidents on its coast, India may be served by ratifying this convention. In the case of the *ELSA 3*, in which many containers carrying noxious substances such as calcium carbide sank, India will seek remedies under its own merchant shipping laws.

Countries that are members of the IMO sign various conventions that lay down norms regarding pollution, safety, accidents, and liabilities

Heavy fumes: Smoke billows from the Singapore-flagged container ship *MV Wan Hai 503* that caught fire off the coast of Beypore in Kerala on June 10. AFP

Ships are owned by companies across the world. Greece and China lead in being homes to many of these companies. But the ships are often registered in various other nations for convenience and ease of operations. Though members of the IMO and governed by IMO norms, such nations offer less intrusive scrutiny and are therefore called Flags of Convenience (FOC). Liberia is one such country, Marshall Islands is another.

Who is liable for the loss of cargo and any damage to the environment?

The ship owner is liable for both. The trade of goods is governed by a contract called the bill of lading, which covers the transport of goods from one port to another, and is issued by the ship owner to the exporter during the loading of cargo. The owner of the bill of lading is the owner of the cargo. The bill of lading is a contract that lays down that the owner undertakes to ship the cargo from one port to another among other things. The bill of lading is transferred to the importer or the consignee, as per various shipment forms, after payment to the exporter. Typically, the importer opens a letter of credit to the exporter, and the bank then extends the credit and acquires the bill of lading from the exporter. When the receiver receives the cargo and makes the payment, he gets the bill of lading from the bank.

In case of damage or loss of cargo, the ship owner has to pay whoever owns the bill of lading. But that payment is covered by the Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Club, which is a cluster of several insurance companies who share the risk. Damage to the body of the ship and machinery, that is a business loss for the owner, is usually covered by indemnity. But in P&I, the insurer protects the owner against any claims on the owner too, such as in the case of damage to environment or loss of cargo or loss of life onboard the ship and elsewhere as a consequence of an accident involving the ship.

International conventions have capped the liability of the ship owner on loss of cargo, but there is no limit on claims against environment damage such as in the case of oil pollution or hazardous substances. The last could apply to the sunken containers of *ELSA 3* or *Wan Hai 503* that caught fire. Oil pollution damages itself cover a vast range – impacting fish catch, affecting tourism, loss to other businesses, transportation and so on. The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships upholds the polluter pays principle. Sometimes, however, national laws do protect against extended and potentially endless claims.

Who should salvage a ship that has sank?

This responsibility also rests with the ship owner. The Nairobi Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 governs this situation, and India is a signatory. Under this, the ship owner whose ship has sunk within the sovereign waters of India – up to 200 nautical miles from a reference line on the coast – has to salvage the ship. In case the ship cannot be refloated, especially if the waters are too deep, then the ship owner is liable for any claims of damage.

Why do ships still sink?

While advanced materials, knowledge, expertise and skill go into building ships, they are exposed to the vagaries of the sea and its multi-layered impact cannot always be predicted in a pinpointed way. For instance, in *ELSA 3*, as the ship started tilting to one side – listing, in shipping parlance – containers that were stowed on top fell into the sea that was already rough. This led to the list increasing on the heavier side which could have led to the ship sinking.

Quite often, a series of errors, mistakes and small incidents sync to create a major accident. By themselves, each of these mistakes and incidents are not a cause of much concern. Too often, such mistakes are manmade and often, egregious. Today merchant ships tend to sail close to the coast in search of mobile phone signals so that seafarers with roaming facilities can stay in touch with their friends or family. *Wakashio*, a bulk carrier, ran aground off Mauritius in 2020, leading to an oil spill, because it went too close to the shore in search of mobile phone signals. This was during the COVID-19 pandemic when seafarers were spending extended periods out at sea amidst concerns about their health and that of their families'.

The unsinkable Titanic was sunk because of human error. But after the sinking, a convention called Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS) came into being. SOLAS is one of the key conventions that governs shipping and is often revised. A key lesson from the Titanic, that has now been implemented as a SOLAS norm, is that lifeboats on either side of the ship should have enough capacity to carry the number of people the ship is designed to carry. This means that if the ship tilts to one side and the lifeboats on only one side are accessible, even then they should be able to carry all those people on board to safety.

The shipping industry learns from each accident. The IMO revises and supplements its guidelines periodically regarding ship design and construction that are then adopted by the industry.

How should sexual abuse survivors be treated?

Why was timely medical care denied to a minor rape survivor? What were the guidelines issued by Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma to hospitals about treating sexual assault survivors? Can a sexual assault survivor seek the termination of a pregnancy beyond 24 weeks?

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The story so far:

The Delhi High Court recently issued a series of guidelines to streamline procedures in hospitals handling Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) cases involving sexual assault survivors, after finding that miscommunication, and administrative lapses had resulted in the denial of timely medical care to a minor rape survivor.

What was the case?

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma issued the guidelines while adjudicating upon the plea of a 17-year-old rape survivor who had been taken to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, for medical examination and termination of pregnancy. Although accompanied by a police officer following the registration of an FIR, hospital authorities initially refused to conduct an ultrasound, citing the absence of identity documents. The matter was then referred to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), which directed the hospital to proceed with the termination and submit a status report. However, the hospital continued to insist on identity proof and age verification through an ossification test.

In all cases where a rape or sexual assault survivor is found to be pregnant, a medical examination must be conducted without delay

Timely care: Duty doctors should be briefed on their obligations under the MTP Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. ANI

The ultrasound was eventually carried out after a CWC member personally intervened. By that time, the minor was found to be approximately 25 weeks and 4 days pregnant. The hospital then declined to convene a medical board, contending that a court order was required as the pregnancy appeared to exceed the 24-week statutory limit prescribed under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971. Following the court's intervention, a seven-member medical board was finally constituted at AIIMS to assess the feasibility of terminating the pregnancy. After conducting an ultrasound, the board determined that the gestational age of the foetus was 23 weeks and 4 days, and that the survivor was physically and mentally fit to undergo the procedure. This contradicted the hospital's earlier record, which had put the gestational age at 25 weeks and 4 days. The court noted with anguish that no explanation was provided for this discrepancy.

What directions were issued to hospitals?

The court observed that when an investigating officer presents a sexual assault survivor for medical examination, along with the official case file and FIR details, separate identity verification may be dispensed with. It further stressed that in cases involving minors, procedural safeguards applicable to routine diagnostic cases should not be applied rigidly or mechanically.

Justice Sharma directed that in all cases where a rape or sexual assault survivor is found to be pregnant, a comprehensive medical examination must be conducted without delay. In instances where the gestational age appears to exceed 24 weeks, hospital administrations were instructed to immediately constitute a medical board to conduct the necessary examination and submit a status report to the appropriate authorities without awaiting specific court orders. Hospitals were also directed to ensure that updated Standard Operating Procedures and relevant legal guidelines are readily accessible in both Emergency and Gynaecology Departments, and that duty doctors are regularly briefed and sensitised on their obligations under the MTP Act, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and other binding directives issued by the Supreme Court and High Courts.

The court further mandated that quarterly training programmes be organised for doctors and medical staff in coordination with legal aid bodies such as the Delhi State Legal Services Authority and the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee (DHCLSC). Each government hospital was also directed to designate a nodal officer to oversee MTP cases and related medico-legal processes, serving as a single point of contact for the CWC, investigating officers, and the courts. Additionally, consent for MTP procedures was to be obtained from the survivor or her guardian, in a language they fully comprehend, such as Hindi or English.

What was the Delhi police instructed to do?

The court directed the Delhi Police to ensure that investigating officers handling POCSO and sexual assault cases undergo mandatory training every six months, with a focus on MTP procedures, court orders, and coordination with medical and welfare authorities. Certificates of completion are to be duly recorded in the officers' service files. Police officers were also instructed to ensure that sexual assault survivors are presented before the concerned doctor, hospital, or medical board at the earliest opportunity, along with all requisite case files.

What were the guidelines issued earlier?

On April 17, Justice Sharma issued guidelines for CWCs and the DHCLSC to prevent delays in such cases, while hearing a plea involving a minor sexual assault survivor seeking termination of a pregnancy beyond 27 weeks. She directed that whenever a minor survivor with a gestational age exceeding 24 weeks is referred by the CWC to a hospital for examination or termination, the CWC must immediately notify the DHCLSC. Upon receiving such information, the DHCLSC shall promptly assess the need for legal intervention, including approaching the competent court for permission to terminate the pregnancy, so as to avoid further delay.

Earlier, in January 2023, the judge mandated that during the medical examination of a sexual assault survivor, a urine pregnancy test must be conducted. If the survivor is found pregnant and is an adult seeking termination, the investigating officer must ensure that she is presented before the medical board on the same day. State governments were also ordered to ensure that medical boards are constituted in the hospitals.

PROFILES

The last 'revolutionary' of Iran

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

The head of Iran's theocratic regime faces the greatest test since the 1979 revolution with the country's regional influence waning and Israel freely carrying out attacks at its nuclear and missile facilities and assassinating its top commanders

Stanly Johny

In Tehran's Ebrat Museum, once a notorious prison for political detainees under the Shah, a narrow corridor is lined with photographs of former inmates. Among them, in a brown wooden frame, is the image of a middle-aged man with a bearded face and thick rectangular glasses. The name beneath, written in Farsi, reads: Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. Preserved by the revolutionary regime as a grim reminder of the brutality of the Shah's secret police, SAVAK, Ebrat displays torture chambers and documents torture methods. One tiny, dimly lit cell, with a single barred window, has been left intact - it is where Mr. Khamenei was held. Inside stands a life-size wax figure of the Ayatollah, older than he appears in the photograph. Dressed in a black turban, which suggests lineage to the Prophet Mohammed, round spectacles, and a brown robe, the statue evokes both suffering and resolve. "Khamenei was imprisoned six times by the Shah's police. He was brought here in 1974," a museum official told this writer during a visit in February 2022. "In autumn 1974, he endured the most brutal and savage torture for eight months in there," reads a short biography posted outside the cell. "The Shah wanted to break him. But God wanted him as the country's *rahbar* (leader)," said the museum official.

Mr. Khamenei, who has been the *rahbar* of the Islamic Republic since 1989, has built a theocratic system that is loyal to him. He is the Supreme Leader, the jurist of the guardians. A conservative cleric, he has led Iran through political and economic upheavals, and has survived both reformist and hardliner Presidents. But in recent years, on Mr. Khamenei's watch, unrest has spread across the country. In recent months, Iran's influence abroad has dramatically waned, particularly after Israel started attacking the so-called 'axis of resistance', the Iran-backed militia network in West Asia. On June 13, Israel, Iran's arch foe, launched a daunting attack inside Iran, targeting its nuclear facilities and ballistic missile sites, and assassinating its top chain of command. With the Israeli leadership threatening to "burn" Tehran, the 86-year-old Ayatollah must be feeling the weight of the revolution on his shoulders.

Child of revolution

Born in 1939 in royalist Iran, Ali Khamenei grew up in the holy city of Mashhad, which hosts the shrine of Imam Reza, the eighth Imam of Twelver Shiism. Like many clerics of his generation, his political views were influenced by the 1953 coup, a covert operation orchestrated by the CIA and the MI6, against the elected Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh. The coup reinstated Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran. This episode turned a generation of Iranians against the Shah. The clerical establishment, under the leadership of the exiled cleric, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, played a critical role in the anti-Shah agitation that was building up across the country. From the early 1960s, Mr. Khamenei was actively involved in the protests. When the Shah regime collapsed and Khomeini returned to Tehran from Paris in February 1979 to establish a new Islamic Republic, Mr. Khameni rose quickly through the clerical ranks. Khomeini named him as Deputy Defence Minister. He became the Imam of Friday prayers in Tehran, a position which he still holds. If Imam Khomeini was the Supreme Leader of the new regime, Imam Khamenei emerged as its chief commissar.

In June 1981, he was seriously wounded by a tape recorder bomb that went off in Tehran's Abouzar Mosque. His right arm got paralysed and he lost hearing in one ear. "I won't need the hand; it would suffice if my brain and tongue work," Mr. Khamenei once said about the attack. The blast, however, solidified his image as a survivor - a living martyr of the revolution. Within a few months, he got elected as Iran's President. When Khomeini died in 1989, the revolution became an orphan. Khomeini had established a unique system in Iran – *vilayat-e-faqih*, 'guardianship of the jurist' or the rule of the clergy. With no clear successor in line, senior clerics tuned to Mr. Khamenei. Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, another revolutionary figure with considerable influence in the system, played a key role in the selection of Mr. Khamenei. "I am truly not worthy of this title," Mr. Khamenei told the assembly that picked him. "My nomination should make us all cry tears of blood." But he took the chalice. And Rafsanjani became President.

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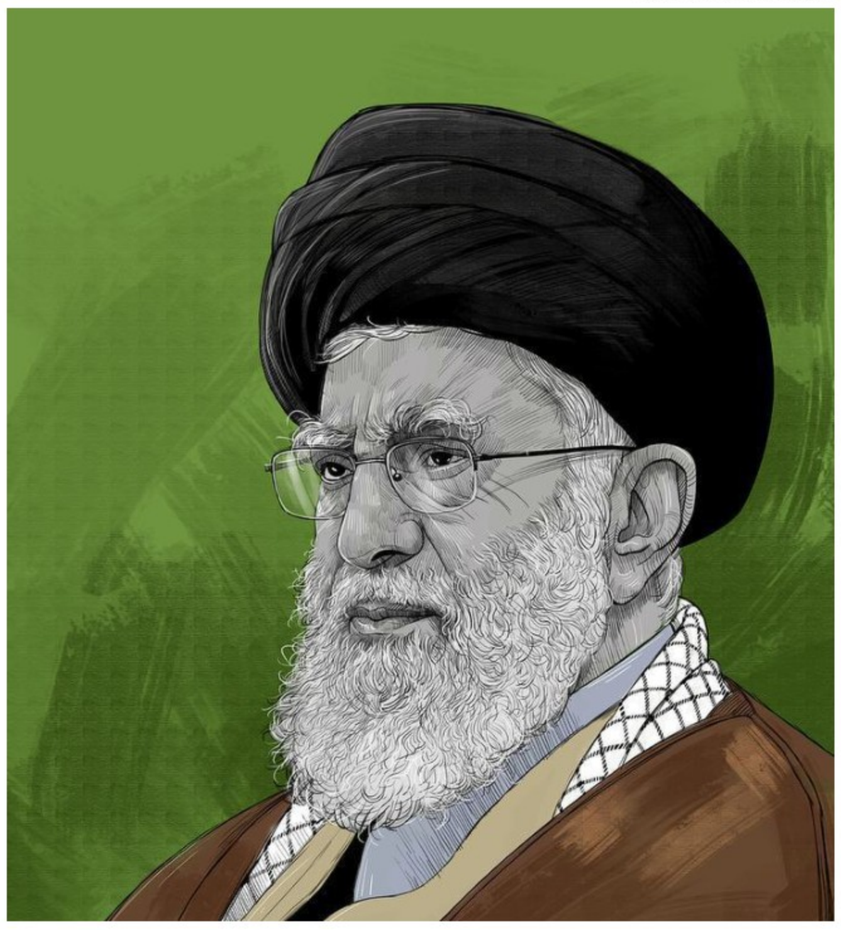

Soon after his ascent to the top office, Mr. Khamenei promised Iranians that the revolution would "lead the country on the path of material growth and progress". But he faced daunting political and economic challenges. He became the Supreme Leader at a time when the revolutionary fervour was receding.

The Iran-Iraq war was over. The new regime's internal enemies and critics, from the terrorist Mujahideen-e-Khalq to the leftist Tudeh party, had been suppressed. But there were still strong liberal currents in Iranian polity and society. Despite Mr. Khamenei's vision for a centralised clerical rule, voters elected Mohammed Khatami, a moderate reformist, as President in 1997. Mr. Khatami had promised reforms from within. But when protests broke out seeking more individual freedoms, Mr. Khamenei stood by the hardliners. The protests were brutally suppressed, and Mr. Khatami was turned into a lame-duck President. The election of Khatami was an opportunity for Iran to open up the system and implement incremental reforms. But the way the regime handled the protests only reinforced the rigidity of the system, which led to further cracks.

Perilous cycle

While political tensions persisted, what made them worse was the economic mess Iran was in. A country rich with natural resources, Iran was grappling with hyperinflation, stymied growth and a tanking currency, mainly due to the western sanctions. Mr. Khamenei knew that the future of the revolution was linked to the state's ability in creating economic opportunities. So even when he called America the 'Great Satan', he sanctioned nuclear talks with the U.S. after Hassan Rouhani, a moderate cleric, became President in 2013.

The 2015 agreement between Iran and world powers was the best chance for Tehran to enter the global economic mainstream and rebuild itself. But then Donald Trump entered the scene. In 2018, Mr. Trump, in his first term, destroyed the agreement and reimposed sanctions on Iran. Ever since, the economic crisis at home got worsened, along with tightening repression, which triggered frequent uprisings. It became a perilous cycle for Iranians.

And then Israel, after the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack, turned against the Iran-backed network in West Asia, which acted as Tehran's forward defence and its deterrence. Mr. Khamenei watched helplessly when Israel destroyed Gaza, degraded Hezbollah and bombed the regime of Bashar al Assad in Syria, which eventually collapsed. It was only a matter of time before the Israelis came for Iran. And they did so on June 13.

Set against Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu, Ayatollah Khamenei finds himself with few good options. Iran's retaliatory strike against Israel on the night of June 13 was a bold display of force - a message that the Islamic Republic still has the firepower to hit the "Little Satan'. But the conflict is far from over. Iran's defences remain vulnerable; its regional axis has been rolled back; its partners have their own problems. And Mr. Trump, who extended an offer of dialogue which Iran had cautiously accepted, is throwing his weight behind Mr. Netanyahu. Mr. Khamenei, once described by a reformist politician as the 'Sun of the Iranian solar system', now faces the greatest test since the revolution – to protect the regime and protect the nation.

THE GIST

- When the Shah regime collapsed and Imam Khomeini returned to Tehran from Paris in February 1979 to establish a new Islamic Republic, Ali Khamenei rose quickly through the clerical ranks
- In 1981, months after surviving an assassination attempt, Khamenei became the President. In 1989, after the death of Khomeini, he was chosen as the Supreme Leader
- As the Supreme Leader, Khameini promised 'material growth and progress', but his rule has been marred by economic decline, political unrest and security crises

Manipur's Black T-Shirts

Arambai Tenggol

The radical Meitei group, which is accused of violence and looting weapons , says its main goal is to 'defend and protect Manipur and India'

Rahul Karmakar

AFP

Violence returned to Manipur after a brief lull when security personnel picked up Asem Kanan Singh, the self-styled 'army chief' of Arambai Tenggol (AT), a radical Meitei group, from one of its strategic units in Imphal on the night of June 7. The following day, sleuths of the CBI arrested him at the Imphal Airport and brought him to Guwahati for questioning. The AT lifted its 10-day shutdown across the Imphal Valley on the fourth day after officials assuaged tempers by saying Mr. Singh, a suspended Manipur Police head constable, was not arrested for his AT connection but for involvement in several criminal cases.

One of these cases related to arms smuggling in 2020 is almost as old as the AT, which derives its name from a poisoned dart-like weapon (Arambai) used by the troops of the Manipuri kings against Burmese invaders and a cavalry platoon (Tenggol). It was no coincidence that the AT's primary fight turned out to be against the Kuki-Zo people, perceived as "illegal" settlers from Myanmar.

Founded by Manipur's titular king and the BJP's Rajya Sabha member, Leishemba Sanajaoba, the group uses the 'Salai Taret' flag, representing seven Meitei clans. It adopted a religious and nationalist rhetoric, invoking the pre-Hindu Sanamahi faith of the Meiteis and envisaging a return to the old glory of the Meitei kingdom of Kangleipak.

The group is headed by Korounganba Khuman, referred to by his subordinates as pathou, meaning revered leader. The members of the group, estimated to be 60,000 now, can be identified from their black T-shirts bearing a red insignia of three horsemen charging with weapons.

The AT came into discussion in 2022, around the same time the Meitei Leepun – a similar radical group founded by Pramot Singh in 2015 – began drawing attention. Both shot to prominence after the ethnic conflict between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities broke out in May 2023, but the more organised, aggressive, and armed AT soon pushed the Meitei Leepun into near-obscurity. The organisation believes its members are like the warriors who once served the Meitei kings.

During the initial days of the conflict, AT members were accused of going on a rampage, organising blockades on roads leading to the hills where Kuki-Zo people living in the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley fled to, looting arms from the police armouries, and indulging in arson. It was also accused of hounding and killing Kuki-Zo people.

Parallel government

The group allegedly received the support of former Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh and virtually ran a parallel government during much of the conflict.

This was evident when it summoned two MPs, including Mr. Sanajaoba, and 37 MLAs to Imphal's historic Kangla Fort in January 2024, made them take an oath to preserve the integrity of Manipur and sign a six-point demand to be communicated to the Centre. In a Facebook post before the summoning, the AT said it would consider absentee political leaders as "enemies of the Meiteis" and would deal with them accordingly.

The AT went on the back foot after the President's Rule was imposed in Manipur on February 13, days after Mr. Biren Singh quit as the Chief Minister. Soon after, the group surrendered some 300 firearms during a seven-day ultimatum set for wielders of weapons looted during the peak of the conflict.

The AT has often underlined its nationalist outlook, unlike several Meitei extremist outfits, which insist on Manipur's sovereignty. At a traditional annual event in Imphal on April 13, Mr. Sanajaoba stressed this difference to an audience that included muscular "men in black" belonging to the AT.

He said the group was established to "defend our land, culture, and identity" and that it was not anti-national. "Our goal is to defend and protect Manipur and India, but we were compelled to take a role we never intended to. Some may say that Arambai Tenggol have surrendered their weapons and are living as civilians. But, at any given time, we will be ready for the call to defend our land," he said.

Meta's data broker

Alexandr Wang

The Scale AI CEO, who is set to lead Meta's 'superintel' research lab, says AI will dominate warfare in near future and data will become a new kind of ammunition

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Alexandr Wang, a 28-year-old entrepreneur, has emerged as a key player in the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence. His company, Scale AI, has strategically positioned itself at the forefront of this transformation.

Founded in 2016 as a data labelling company for autonomous vehicles, Scale AI quickly gained prominence. It secured partnerships with major tech giants such as OpenAI, Microsoft, Nvidia, and even the U.S. government.

In a significant development, Meta Platforms has invested $14.3 billion to acquire a 49% stake in Scale AI. This acquisition marks a pivotal moment for the company, which now specialises in data curation and intelligent dataset management. As part of this deal, Mr. Alexandr is expected to assume a leadership role within Meta, leading the company's new "superintelligence" research lab.

This move is a much-needed talent refresh and reputation boost for Meta, which has been losing AI researchers and struggling with its Llama 4 launch. The company is bleeding AI talent as researchers are leaving for rival French startup Mistral.

Meta's investment in AI is a significant move, and it aligns with the strategies employed by other tech giants. For instance, Microsoft has backed OpenAI, while Amazon supports Anthropic. These partnerships highlight the crucial role of specialised AI firms in the broader ecosystem.

However, the Meta-Scale AI deal has sparked discussions about its implications. Some believe it represents an "exit" for Scale AI, potentially impacting its ability to serve Meta's competitors like Google and OpenAI. Others question whether it's a strategic partnership to enhance Scale AI's capabilities while bolstering Meta's AI standing, or if it's a talent acquisition move by Meta.

The deal's structure, with Mr. Alexandr reportedly retaining voting control over Scale despite his move to Meta, indicates a complex arrangement aimed at balancing these interests. Regardless, this move underscores Meta's commitment to leading the AI race. Mr. Alexandr, a vocal advocate for the strategic importance of AI for the U.S. as a matter of national security, was shaped by his upbringing in Los Alamos, New Mexico, the birthplace of the atomic bomb. In a TED Talk, he drew parallels between the transformative impact of the atomic bomb on past warfare and the current potential of AI to redefine global power.

AI arms race

Mr. Alexandr asserts that, as seen in the Second World War with the atomic bomb, the country that rapidly and effectively integrates new technology into warfare emerges victorious. He warns that the U.S. risks falling behind in the AI arms race, particularly against China, which he claims is ahead in accumulating the vast datasets necessary to develop powerful AI models. Mr. Alexandr has urged the U.S. government to establish a national data reserve, treating data as a strategic national resource akin to petroleum.

Scale AI has actively pursued defence contracts, collaborating with the U.S. Department of Defense, Air Force, and the Army to test and evaluate large language models for military purposes. Mr. Alexandr views this work as a "moral imperative", especially after witnessing China's advances in AI for surveillance and military applications.

Mr. Alexandr predicts that AI will dominate warfare within the next decade. He emphasises that "data will become a new kind of ammunition in the era of AI warfare". This underscores his call for robust investment in data infrastructure, not only for military superiority but also as a deterrent, akin to nuclear capabilities.

For Mr. Alexandr and Scale AI, the mission is clear: to provide the foundational data layer that accelerates AI development across all sectors, including national security. While Meta's significant investment marks a new chapter for Scale AI, potentially altering its client dynamics, Mr. Alexandr's core message about the paramount importance of data and the strategic implications of AI remains unchanged.

CAIRO

Egypt blocks activists' bid to march to Gaza border, forces them back

AFP

Egyptian authorities blocked activists trying to march to Gaza's border to protest Israel's blockade, stopping them near Cairo and forcing most back after hours of questioning, organisers said on Saturday. Egypt requires prior permission for border visits despite supporting "pressure on Israel" to lift the blockade. AFP

MINNEAPOLIS

Minnesota state lawmakers shot, search under way for suspect

REUTERS

A gunman impersonating a police officer killed Minnesota Democratic state assemblywoman Melissa Hortman and her husband, and wounded state senator John Hoffman and his wife in politically motivated shootings. The suspect fled after exchanging gunfire with police. Authorities are conducting a manhunt. REUTERS

ASTANA

Russia to build Kazakhstan's first nuclear power plant, say officials

AFP

Russia's Rosatom will lead an international consortium to build Kazakhstan's first nuclear power plant near Ulken, using advanced VVER-1200 reactors. The project, approved by referendum, aims for 2.4 gigawatts capacity by 2035, with China, France, and South Korea also involved. Financing talks with Russia have begun. REUTERS

BANGKOK

Thailand says 'progress made' in Cambodia border dispute talks

REUTERS

Thailand and Cambodia on Saturday reported "progress in talks" to resolve their long-running border dispute after May clashes that killed a Cambodian soldier. Both sides agreed to reposition troops to avoid conflict. Cambodia plans to file an ICJ complaint on disputed areas, but talks continue for peaceful dialogue. AFP

Nuclear talks with the U.S. are now unjustifiable: Iran Foreign Minister

Iran's Supreme Leader vowed continued retaliatory attacks on Israel, with Tehran launching missile strikes that caused casualties and damage in Israel; U.S. has deployed ground-based air defence systems to help intercept Iranian missiles

Associated Press
DUBAI

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Saturday that nuclear talks with the United Sates were "unjustifiable" after the Israeli strikes on Iran's nuclear sites. The U.S. and Iran were scheduled to be in Oman on Sunday for their sixth round of indirect talks over Iran's nuclear programme.

The comments by Mr. Araghchi came during a call with Kaja Kallas, the European Union's top diplomat.

The Israeli air strikes were the "result of the direct support by Washington," Mr. Araghchi said in a statement carried by the state-run *IRNA* news agency. The U.S. has said it is not part of the strikes.

Contested progress: The Israeli air strikes were the 'result of the direct support by Washington', says Abbas Araghchi. AFP

Oman's Foreign Minister Badr al-Busaidi later said the planned talks "will not now take place".

"The Iran-U.S. talks scheduled to be held in Muscat this Sunday will not now take place. But diplomacy and dialogue remain the only pathway to lasting peace," Mr. Al-Busaidi wrote on a social media post.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei signalled in a recorded message on Friday that Iran was prepared to keep up its retaliatory attacks on Israel: "We will not allow them to escape safely from this great crime they committed."

Iran launched waves of missiles at Israel late Friday and early Saturday, and Iranians awoke to state television airing repeated clips of strikes on Israel.

The Iranian attacks killed at least three people and wounded 76, mostly in and around Tel Aviv, according to two local hospitals. One missile severely damaged at least four homes in the nearby city of Rishon Lezion, according to first responders.

The Israeli military said seven soldiers were lightly wounded when a missile hit central Israel, without specifying where. It was the first report of Israeli military casualties since the initial Israeli strikes.

U.S. ground-based air defence systems in the region were helping to shoot down Iranian missiles, said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the measures.

Rallies rage across U.S. ahead of Trump parade

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United voice: Demonstrators taking part in the 'No Kings' protest against Trump's policies, in Los Angeles on Saturday. REUTERS

Tens of thousands of Americans attended rallies on Saturday to protest President Donald Trump's aggressive approach in major cities from New York to Atlanta to Los Angeles. The protests marked the largest outpouring of opposition to Mr. Trump's presidency since he returned to power in January, and came the same day that thousands of military personnel, vehicles and aircraft will march through and fly over Washington, D.C., in a parade celebrating the U.S. Army's 250th anniversary. Saturday is also Mr. Trump's 79th birthday.

The Republican President has ordered National Guard troops and U.S. Marines to Los Angeles, a heavily Democratic city – a deployment that California Governor Gavin Newsom has challenged in court.

Anti-Trump groups planned nearly 2,000 demonstrations of varying sizes across the country to coincide with the parade. Many are taking place under the theme "No Kings," asserting that no individual is above the law.

People heading into Washington for the parade encountered a massive security presence, with some 30 km of 2.4 m-high black fencing, much of it reinforced with concrete traffic barriers.

Critics have called the parade an authoritarian display of power that is wasteful.

'Ukrainian forces halt advance of Russian troops in Sumy'

Reuters
KYIV

Ukrainian forces have stopped Russian troops advancing in the northeastern Sumy region and are now battling to regain control along the border with Russia, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

In remarks released for publication by his office on Saturday, Mr. Zelenskyy said that Moscow has amassed about 53,000 troops in the direction of Sumy.

"We are levelling the position. The fighting there is along the border. You should understand that the enemy has been stopped there. And the maximum depth at which the fighting takes place is 7 km from the border," Mr. Zelenskyy said.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Russia's troops have been focusing their assaults in the eastern Donetsk region. But since the start of the month, they have intensified their attacks in the northeast, announcing plans to create a so-called 'buffer zone' in the Sumy and Kharkiv regions.

The Russian war in Ukraine is in its fourth year, but it has intensified in recent weeks.

Israeli firing kills 45 people in Gaza, many at aid site, medics say

Reuters
CAIRO

Israeli firing and air strikes killed at least 45 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip, many of them near an aid distribution site operated by the U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) on Saturday, local health authorities said.

Medics at Al-Awda and Al-Aqsa Hospitals in central Gaza areas, where most of the casualties were moved to, said at least 15 people were killed as they tried to approach the GHF aid distribution site near the Netzarim corridor.

The Israeli army said in a statement that an aircraft had opened fire on a person "to neutralise the threat" after he advanced towards troops and ignored warning shots fired near a group.

Last week, the army warned Palestinians not to approach routes leading to sites of the GHF between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. local time, describing these roads as closed military zones. The GHF said none of its distribution centres was opened on Saturday.

The GHF began distributing food packages in Gaza at the end of May after Israel partially lifted a near three-month total blockade. Scores of Palestinians have been killed in near daily mass shootings trying to reach the food.

The United Nations rejects the Israeli-backed new distribution system as inadequate, dangerous and a violation of humanitarian impartiality principles.

Over 600 evacuated as Myanmar military sees heavy combat with anti-coup forces

Agence France-Presse
PEKON

Hundreds of Myanmar families were being uprooted from their homes on Saturday, a community organiser said, piling their belongings onto evacuation convoys to escape fighting between the military and anti-coup guerrillas.

Myanmar has been consumed by a many-sided civil war since the military snatched power in a 2021 coup, leaving more than 3.5 million people displaced according to United Nations figures.

Heavy combat has been raging since Monday around the village of Saung Nang Khae in the eastern state of Shan, according to local residents and evacuation organisers.

Temporary shelter

Ramshackle convoys of tractors were piled with livestock, wheelchairs and suitcases on Friday as they hauled local families to temporary shelter in the village of BC Kone some 60 kilometres southwest.

On Saturday, Khun Pyae Linn, the spokesperson of the youth wing of the Kayan New Land Party which controls the enclave and which organised evacuation efforts, said "rescue operations are still ongoing".

Myanmar has been consumed by civil war since the military snatched power in a 2021 coup

"We evacuated more than 600 people but there were other organisations that helped villagers too. So it could be over 1,500 villagers that were moved to safe shelters," he added.

The military and some of its adversaries had pledged a truce this month as the country recovers from March's devastating magnitude-7.7 earthquake which killed more than 3,700 people.

After four years of war, Myanmar's military has turned to conscription to bolster its ranks after suffering stinging territorial losses against the myriad of anti-coup fighters and ethnic armed organisations opposing its rule.

But analysts say it is still far from defeat, with a superior array of military hardware supplied by its backers China and Russia.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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It is further notified to the general public that the earlier Sale Deed dated 06/05/2003 executed by Sundrappa in favour of K. Venkatesh registered as Document No. 1073/2003-04 of Book – I in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal, was lost/missing. A Police complaint in this regard was also lodged with the Jurisdictional Police/Bangalore City vide Lost Report No. 1640781/2025 dated 06/06/2025. It is hereby requested that if any person/s comes across or finds the same, they are requested to hand over the same to the below-mentioned address & they will be compensated accordingly.

It is also notified that Veena Hegde, aged about 58 years, w/o. Late. Subraya Hegde, R/at No. 36, Mallapura, North Kannada, Mallapura, KARNATAKA – 58 1323, is intending to avail a loan from LIC Housing Finance Ltd., to purchase the scheduled property from the present owner/B. Chandrashekaran.

The General Public are hereby further cautioned that if anybody deals with the Schedule Property with any person/s based on the misplaced/lost document mentioned above, it is at their own risk & cost and such person/s will not derive any title over the Schedule Property and in such an event they have no claim of whatsoever nature against Poornima Chandrashekar nor the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

PROPERTY ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of property bearing **Site No. 16,** Property No. 104/2, Janjur No. 3447, situated at **KAMMASANDRA VILLAGE, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District,** measuring East to West **30 feet,** North to South **38 feet,** totally measuring **1140 square feet** and bounded on: -

East by : Site No. 15; West by : Site No. 17; North by : Private Property & South by : Road.

Shri. G.N. HARISH, Advocate,
Office at No. 312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross, VI Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 070
Dated : 15/06/2025 Place : Bengaluru

(Govt of Karnataka)

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.W.D DIVISION SEDAM

No. EE/PWD/Dvn/Sed/TS-1/2025-26/681 Date : 12-06-2025

-:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::-

1) Details of Works : 1. Total no of work 02 in under sedam Indent No's are : 20830, 20281, 2) Head of Account: Under KKRDB For the year 2024-25. 3) Amount Put to Tender : **Lowest Estimate Cost Rs. 250.00 Lakhs, Highest Estimate Cost Rs. 590.00 Lakhs,** 4) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-I contractor & Above, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting Date: **18-06-2025, Morning 11:30 Hrs,** 6) Date & time for Tender Queries of tenders: **20-06-2025 - 17:30:00 Hrs,** 7) Tender Form Fee & EMD Amount: Tender processing fee & EMD As per e-portal, 8) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **25-06-2025 - 16:00:00 Hrs**, 9) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **27-06-2025 - 16:30:00 Hrs**, 10) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid : **30-06-2025 - 16:30:00 Hrs**, 11) Communication Address: Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D Division Sedam, 12) Internet Address: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in 13) If any changes for Cancelation: Any Changes and cancelations are done in www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D Division Sedam

DIPR/Kalaburagi/206/KSMC&A/2025-26

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(WALK IN INTERVIEW)

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(c	Assistant Master (English)	01(One)	₹ 20,000/-pm consolidated	B.A from a recognized university. B Ed from a recognized university. Expertise in English in reading, writing and speaking

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2. One year teaching experience from any recognized university (Secondary Level/Class).
3. Proficiency in English in reading, writing and speaking.
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CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

Double delight for Bavuma in South Africa's moment of glory

GETTY IMAGES

Temba Bavuma, who scored 710 runs for South Africa in the current World Test Championship cycle, has led the Proteas to their second senior men's ICC title after the triumph in the 1988 ICC Knockout Trophy. In the process, he maintained his unbeaten record as Test captain, with nine wins and a draw so far.

ZERO TO HERO

Weird how things worked out after the duck in first innings: Markram

GETTY IMAGES

I haven't scored more important runs. Weird how things worked out after the duck in the first innings. I needed a bit of luck... spent some time in the middle and found runs, glad things worked out. The reception [I got from the fans] will stick out. Lord's is the place every Test cricketer wants to play — Aiden Markram.

FOR THE NATION

It's special and may be a stepping stone for greater things: Maharaj

REUTERS

It's special, it's an honour to lift the cup for everyone out here and back home. It's what the country's about, the unity among everyone in the last five days. I think the emotions would've spurred me into the right direction had I got into bat... may this be a stepping stone for greater things to come — Keshav Maharaj.

TOP STUFF

Markram's knock was one of the best I've ever seen: Rickelton

REUTERS

Walking out in the fourth innings was always going to be tricky. The wicket trying to look a little better. The guys batted brilliantly. Aiden's was one of the best innings I have ever seen. The magnitude of the occasion against such an experienced attack was special. There were a few nerves - Ryan Rickelton.

Markram makes it a majestic day for Rainbow Nation

The Proteas hunt down 282 with five wickets in hand to dethrone Australia; the opener's gritty 136 proves the bedrock of the fabulous run chase, the second-highest at Lord's

27-year wait: Bavuma's South Africa will relish the World Test Championship triumph which ended decades of heartbreak. GETTY IMAGES

WTC FINAL

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Aiden Markram's magnificent century was the cornerstone of South Africa's five-wicket victory over Australia in the World Test Championship final at Lord's on Saturday as the Proteas ended decades of cricket heartbreak by finally winning a major ICC title.

South Africa, set 282 to win, finished on 282 for five before lunch on the fourth day, with opening batter Markram falling for 136 after taking South Africa to within six runs of the title. The Proteas resumed on 213 for two, needing just 69 more runs for victory.

South Africa did suffer a setback early on Saturday when Bavuma was caught behind off Australia captain Pat Cummins to end a partnership of 147 with Markram.

Markram then cut fast bowler Cummins for a resounding four to the delight of what was effectively a 'home' crowd, given the large number of South Africa fans who had packed into Lord's. He then got the target down to 50 by pulling Cummins for another four.

It was left-arm fast bowler Mitchell Starc who raised Australia's hopes by bowling Tristan Stubbs for eight with a superb delivery that cut back sharply.

Australia took the new ball with South Africa just needing 14 more runs to win at 268 for four.

But Markram drove the first delivery with the new ball, from Josh Hazlewood, for four, and the next one for three. He was unable to finish the job, however, a pull off Hazlewood caught by Travis Head.

It was left to Kyle Verreynne to hit the winning run as South Africa completed the second-highest chase to win a Test at Lord's, behind West Indies' 344 for one, requiring 342, against England in 1984.

This Test was also a personal triumph for Kagiso Rabada, who finished with match figures of nine for 110.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS
212 in 56.4 overs.
SOUTH AFRICA — 1ST INNINGS
138 in 57.1 overs.
AUSTRALIA — 2ND INNINGS
207 in 65 overs.
SOUTH AFRICA — 2ND INNINGS (Target 282)
Aiden Markram c Head b Hazlewood 136 *(207b, 14x4)*, Ryan Rickelton c Carey b Starc 6 *(8b, 1x4)*, Wiaan Mulder c Labuschagne b Starc 27 *(50b, 5x4)*, Temba Bavuma c Carey b Cummins 66 *(134b, 5x4)*, Tristan Stubbs b Starc 8 *(43b)*, David Bedingham (not out) 21 *(49b, 1x4)*, Kyle Verreynne (not out) 4 *(13b)*; Extras (b-8, lb-4, nb-2): 14; Total (for five wkts. in 83.4 overs): 282.
FALL OF WICKETS
1-9 (Rickelton, 2.1 overs), 2-70 (Mulder, 17.4), 3-217 (Bavuma, 58.6), 4-241 (Stubbs, 70.3), 5-276 (Markram, 80.6).
AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Starc 14.4-1-66-3, Hazlewood 19-2-58-1, Cummins 17-0-59-1, Lyon 26-4-66-0, Webster 5-0-13-0, Head 2-0-8-0.
PoM: Markram.
South Africa won by five wickets.

South Africa, the WTC champion, took home $3.6 million while the runner-up Australia earned $2.16 million.

This time for South Africa!

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CHENNAI

Bending his back: Markram ensured there were no hiccups in the fourth innings. AP

It was a March night at Mirpur on the outskirts of Dhaka. Graeme Smith faced the media with moist eyes. The first question, more a statement, was brutal: "They used to call you chokers earlier, now they are calling you jokers."

The South African skipper had just lost the 2011 World Cup quarterfinal against New Zealand by 49 runs while chasing a target of 222, and it fitted into the template of a team notorious for faltering in the climax. Still, that question was a knife being twisted in. Smith, with enormous restraint, spoke about why his men's campaign ground to a halt.

This tale of being so close and yet so far was repeated often. The last stumble being the 2024 T20 World Cup final where India prevailed over Aiden Markram's men by seven runs at Bridgetown. South Africa won an ICC silverware in 1998 - The Wills International Cup, which later became the Champions Trophy, and the title drought extended interminably.

All those ghosts of the past and snide remarks were finally laid to rest on a glorious Saturday when South Africa claimed the ICC World Test Championship final at Lord's. A five-wicket victory in a match the Aussies dominated for a large part, revealed the steel within Temba Bavuma's men. On the hopemetre, what Bavuma's troops achieved is on par with the feat of Kapil's Devils in the 1983 World Cup.

This triumph was a tribute to what Bavuma and his lead stars like spearhead Kagiso Rabada and centurion Markram achieved. Conceding a first-innings lead and still to find that belief deep within is remarkable.

Equally, it was a redemption song for a Rainbow Nation that dealt with the spectre of apartheid, and the resultant sporting isolation, before Nelson Mandela applied the healing touch while a country regained its spirit and made a slow comeback.

Often a sigh accompanied cricketing yarns about South Africa. The lost years of Graeme Pollock, Barry Richards, Mike Procter and to some extent Clive Rice. The subsequent losses in ICC events despite being a fine side. The match-fixing crisis that tainted Hansie Cronje. The list seemed endless till it was time to laugh aloud and welcome a new champion in the willow game.

Once Shakira sang "This time for Africa" in her 2010 'Waka, Waka' number. Bavuma and his men will perhaps whisper: "This time for South Africa." Sport offers hope. It always does.

Purpose, passion and belief

Fantastic win! Hats off to Markram for the match-winning century, and Temba for leading with such ice and fire all through
A.B. DE VILLIERS

Test cricket continues to weave its magic. Markram's composure and Bavuma's grit under pressure stood tall in the fourth innings. A century that will be remembered, a partnership that turned hope into history
SACHIN TENDULKAR

Everything went right from the toss. Enjoy the celebrations
HERSCHELLE GIBBS

Masterful Markram! Great win by South Africa led by Temba Bavuma. This was a great advertisement for Test cricket
CHRIS GAYLE

One of the most phenomenally responsible, nerveless fourth innings centuries from Markram
IAN BISHOP

Bosh and boom! What a win for Proteas! They outskilled and outwitted the Australians, showed how purpose, passion and belief shaped the path to a trophy
KUMAR SANGAKKARA

Rabada was brilliant. Markram not only engraved his name on the Lord's Honours Board, but also in the history of South African cricket
IRFAN PATHAN

Champions finally! Mighty congratulations
ROBIN UTHAPPA

Domestic season to begin on Aug. 28; Duleep Trophy back to the zonal format

CRICKET

Vivek Krishnan
NEW DELHI

The Ranji Trophy will be held from October 15 to February 28
Duleep Trophy will be contested among six zones this season
The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy will now include a Super League stage instead of the knockouts
New Zealand will play three ODIs and five T20Is from Jan. 11 to 31

The 2025-26 domestic cricket season will kick off with the Duleep Trophy, starting August 28, and end with the senior women's inter-zonal multi-day Trophy on April 3. The schedule for the upcoming season was announced via a press release after the BCCI's 28th Apex Council meeting on Saturday.

The Ranji Trophy is slated to be held from October 15 to February 28. Like last season, the league stage of India's premier First Class competition will be held in two phases. The first phase will be held from October 15 to November 19 while the second phase will involve two rounds from January 22 to February 1. The knockouts will begin on February 6.

The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and the Vijay Hazare Trophy – the T20 and 50-over competitions respectively – will be played during the Ranji break.

Among the key decisions taken at the meeting was a return to the zonal format for the Duleep Trophy. In the 2024-25 season, the tournament was played between four teams – India-A, India-B, India-C and India-D – picked by the national selectors.

This year, it will again be contested among the six zones – North, South, West, East, Central and North East.

The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy will now include a Super League stage instead of the knockouts. The Super League stage will feature two groups of four teams each based on standings at the end of the league phase. The group toppers will directly contest the final.

Meanwhile, the itinerary for New Zealand's white-ball tour of India in January 2026 was also confirmed.

The Black Caps will play three ODIs and five T20Is from January 11 to 31.

Following the stampede in Bengaluru after Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL victory that led to 11 deaths, the BCCI has also decided to "constitute a committee to formulate comprehensive guidelines aimed at preventing such occurrences in the future".

BCCI office-bearers Devajit Saikia, Prabhtej Singh Bhatia and Rajeev Shukla are part of the committee expected to prepare the guidelines within 15 days.

U Mumba pulls off a Houdini, sneaks into the summit clash

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
AHMEDABAD

Making a point: Yashaswini held her nerve and blanked Krittwika to seal the deal. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Never had a team made a comeback after trailing 4-7 in an Ultimate Table Tennis knockout match.

And never had U Mumba TT been able to breach the semifinal barrier in the first five editions. Both the firsts were achieved on Saturday, courtesy P.B. Abhinandh and Yashaswini Ghorpade. With his back against the wall and trailing 0-2 against Vitor Ishiy, Abhinandh finally found an answer to Ishiy's serve and stretched the match into the deciding tie. Yashaswini then blanked Krittwika Sinha Roy 3-0 on the last point of the match.

After closing out the first two games, Yashaswini raced to a 10-6 lead, Krittwika finally getting trapped into Yashaswini's long-pimpled backhand.

But Krittwika then had a four-point spree. But the golden point saw Krittwika finally hit her backhand long to let the U Mumba camp burst into a wild bout of celebration.

Earlier, captain Harmeet Desai couldn't have gotten the Challengers off to a better start than a clean slate against Lilian Bardet. Harmeet went all out with his forehand winners to not let Bardet get into his game.

But Bernadette Szocs brought U Mumba back into the game by inflicting the first defeat on Zeng Jian. When Szocs and Akash Pal reduced the deficit to 4-5, U Mumbai was back in the match. Ishiy - the replacement player who came in for Tiago Apolonia - then put Goa on the cusp of a win. But then started the great escape!

The result:

U Mumba TT bt Dempo Goa Challengers 8-7 (Lilian Bardet lost to Harmeet Desai 8-11, 4-11, 10-11; Bernadette Szocs bt Zeng Jian 11-5, 11-9, 7-11; Szocs & Akash Pal bt Zeng & Desai 11-8, 11-8, 9-11; P.B. Abhinandh lost to Vitor Ishiy 6-11, 4-11, 11-9; Yashaswini Ghorpade bt Krittwika Sinha Roy 11-9, 11-9, 11-10).

INBRIEF

Pranati wins vault bronze in Asian gymnastics c'ships

Pranati Nayak clinched her third bronze medal in women's vault at the Asian artistic gymnastics championships in Jecheon, Korea, on Saturday. The 30-year-old scored 13.666 and 12.866 in her two attempts to log a total of 13.466 and secure a bronze behind China's Zhang Yihan (13.650) and Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Quynh Nhu (13.583). Earlier, she had medalled in 2019 and 2022. Protistha Samanta, finished fourth with 13.016. Pranati had scored 13.086 to place fourth, while Protistha had recorded 12.716 to take the eighth spot in the qualifying stage. Meanwhile, in the junior women's category, Avantika Negi (10.333) became the first Indian to qualify for the uneven bars final.

Thunder rallies to beat Pacers, levels NBA Finals 2-2

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 15 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter as the Oklahoma City Thunder rallied for a gritty 111-104 victory over the Indiana Pacers that leveled the NBA Finals at two games apiece on Friday. Gilgeous-Alexander followed a three-pointer with a pull-up jumper to give the Thunder its first lead since the first half with 2:23 remaining. He added six free-throws in the final 44 seconds. Jalen Williams scored 27 points, Chet Holmgren added 14 points and Alex Caruso chipped in with 20 for the Thunder.

The result: Indiana Pacers 104 (Pascal Siakam 20, Tyrese Haliburton 18, Obi Toppin 17) lost to Oklahoma City Thunder 111 (Gilgeous-Alexander 35, Jalen Williams 27, Alex Caruso 20, Chet Holmgren 14).

Pallister cracks 1500m freestyle barrier

Lani Pallister became only the third woman to swim under 15mins 40secs in the 1500m freestyle on Saturday, joining American great Katie Ledecky and Dane Lottie Friis. Pallister hit the wall at the Australian world championship trials in Adelaide in 15:39.14, a new Commonwealth record. Friis' 15:38.88 was set in 2013. Ledecky owns all 23 fastest times ahead of that, including the world record of 15:20.48.

LIVE TELECAST

TNPL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 3.15 & 7.15 p.m.
Ultimate Table Tennis: JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Ireland vs West Indies: 3rd T20I, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.
Formula One: Canadian GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 11.30 p.m.

Arya-Arjun pair brings home mixed air rifle gold

China tops the table with four gold, a silver and two bronze; India is third with two gold and two bronze, behind Norway; Elavenil, Sift win bronze in air rifle and rifle 3-position events respectively

SHOOTING WORLD CUP

Sports Bureau

Arya Borse and Arjun Babuta clinched the mixed air rifle gold by beating the Chinese pair of Wang Zifei and Sheng Lihao 17-7 in the shooting World Cup that concluded in Munich, Germany, on Saturday.

The Chinese pair had shot a world record score of 635.9 in qualification, 0.7 point better than the Indian pair. Arya and Arjun stepped it up in the gold medal match for a spectacular finish.

China topped the medals table with four gold, a silver and two bronze.

The Chinese pair clinched the mixed air pistol gold also through Yao Qianxun and Hu Kai. The Indian duo of Manu Bhaker and Aditya Malra shot 577 and placed sixth, missing the medal match by two points.

Clutch performance: Arya and Arjun beat the Chinese pair of Wang and Sheng in style. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Suruchi Phogat and Varun Tomar shot 576 for 10th place.

India was third on the table with two gold and two bronze medals, behind Norway (two gold, a silver and a bronze).

The two bronze medals for India were won by Elavenil Valarivan and Sift Kaur Samra in women's air rifle and rifle 3-position events, respectively.

The results: 10m air rifle: Mixed team: 1. India (Arya Borse, Arjun Babuta) 17 (635.2); 2. China (Wang Zifei, Sheng Lihao) 7 (635.9 WR); 3. Norway (Jeanette Duestad, Jon-Hermann Hegg) 16 (632.3); 4. USA (Sagen Maddalena, Peter Fiori) 14 (632.1); 6. India-2 (Elavenil Valarivan, Kiran Jadhav) 631.8.

10m air pistol: Mixed team: 1. China (Yao Qianxun, Hu Kai) 16 (585); 2. Armenia (Elmira Karapteyan, Benik Khlghatyan) 4 (580); 3. Germany (Doreen Venekamp, Christian Reitz) 17 (579); 4. Serbia (Zorana Arunovic, Damir Mikec) 13 (580); 6. India-2 (Manu Bhaker, Aditya Malra) 577; 10. India (Suruchi Phogat, Varun Tomar) 576.

Indian teams lose to Australia

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
ANTWERP

There was no end to Indian men's hockey team's woes in the FIH Pro League as the side slumped to its fifth straight defeat, losing 3-2 to Australia despite leading the contest by two goals after Abhishek's brace, here on Saturday.

The Indian team has already lost twice to Netherlands and Argentina in the tournament.

Over in London, the women's team fought valiantly after conceding three goals against Australia but eventually lost 3-2.

In Antwerp, India took a 2-0 lead by the 35th minute through Abhishek's (8th, 35th minutes) brace.

But the Kookaburras came out all attacking after the change of ends, scoring through Nathan Ephraums (42nd), and two penalty corner conversions by Joel Rintala (56th) and Tom Craig (60th) to secure the win.

The Indians were without skipper and ace drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh as he has been rested due to a injury suffered in the last match against Argentina.

In the women's match Australia took a 3-0 lead through field goals from Courtney Schonell (16th minute), Lexie Pickering (26th) and penalty stroke conversion by Tatum Stewart (35th).

The Indians, however, mounted a comeback after the change of ends through two penalty corner goals from Deepika and Neha.

India enjoyed the early share of exchanges but failed to break the resolute Australian defence.

The results: Men: At Antwerp: Australia 3 (Nathan Ephraums 42, Joel Rintala 56, Tom Craig 60) bt India 2 (Abhishek 8, 35).

Women: At London: Australia 3 (Courtney Schonell 16, Lexie Pickering 26, Tatum Stewart 35) bt India 2 (Deepika 44, Neha 52).

MCC outlaws 'bunny hop' boundary catches

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LONDON

Boundary catches involving 'bunny hops', or multiple airborne touches outside the rope, have been deemed illegal by the Marylebone Cricket Club, with the new ruling set to be integrated into ICC's playing conditions this month and the MCC's laws from October next year.

According to an MCC note circulated to member boards by the ICC, while the existing law "led to some spectacular" fielding efforts, it also allowed "some unusual-looking catches that, to the majority of the cricketing public, feel unfair".

As part of its revision, the MCC clarified that any fielder making a second contact with the ball after jumping from beyond the boundary must land inside the field of play, or else a boundary will be awarded.

The rule will also apply to relay catches. If a fielder parries the ball while airborne outside the boundary and fails to return inside the field before the catch is completed – even by a teammate – it will be ruled a boundary.

The revised rule will be enforced starting June 17, when the new World Test Championship cycle begins with Sri Lanka taking on Bangladesh. The change in the laws will officially take effect from October 2026.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

All smiles: Satwik and Raashi Rao won the u-15 table tennis titles.

Big win for Gameon
Gameon HC whipped New Ashoka HC 6-0 in the 94th Travancore Cup hockey tournament here.
The results:
Gameon HC 6 (Sai Lokesh 3, 24, Vivek Uthappa 4, 22, 37, Avinash 45) bt New Ashoka HC 0.
Blue Star HC 'B' 3 (Shan 1, 37, Malik 34) bt IISC Gymkhana 2 (Siddharth 3, 33).

Satwik, Raashi triumph
M. Satwik and Raashi Rao claimed the under-15 boys' and girls' titles respectively in Karnataka state ranking table tennis tournament here.
The scores: Finals: Boys: M. Satwik bt Shriram Kiran 12-10, 9-11, 11-6, 10-12, 11-6.
Girls: Raashi Rao bt Krisha Karkera 11-8, 11-7, 11-6.

Burns fires 65 to grab US Open lead as heavy rain spoils play

GOLF

Agence France-Presse
OAKMONT

Sam Burns matched the third-best US Open round ever fired at Oakmont, shooting a five-under par 65 to seize a one-stroke lead after Friday's second round as big names struggled.

The 28-year-old American made six birdies against a lone bogey to stand on three-under 137 after 36 holes on the punishing layout.

American J.J. Spaun made bogeys on three of the last four holes to shoot 72 and stand second on 138 with Norway's Viktor Hovland third on 139 after a 68 – the top trio being the only players under par after 36 holes.

Heavy rains drenched Oakmont, halting play for the day at 8:15 p.m. local time with 13 golfers yet to finish their second rounds.

Lining it up: Burns matched the third-best US Open round ever fired at Oakmont for a one-stroke lead. AP

The top scores: 137 - Sam Burns 72-65; **138 -** J.J. Spaun 66-72; **139 -** Viktor Hovland 71-68; **140 -** Ben Griffin 69-71, Adam Scott 70-70.

141 - Victor Perez 71-70; **142 -** Kim Si-Woo 68-74, Thomas Detry 69-73, Russell Henley 70-72, Brooks Koepka 68-74.

Abhijeet wins Delhi Open chess for fourth time

Winning feeling: Abhijeet topped a quality field to emerge champion. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta settled for a quick draw in the 10th and final round against Aronyak Ghosh and clinched the title with 8.5 points in the 21st Delhi GM Open on Saturday.

It was a 12-move draw that ensured the fourth title in the tournament for the 35-year-old Abhijeet.

The victory fetched a cash prize of ₹7,00,000 for the experienced Abhijeet, who won seven matches and drew the other three.

Five players were tied on eight points, but as per the tie-break score, Mihail Nikitenko, Diptayan Ghosh, Aronyak Ghosh, Aditya Samant and Duc Hoa Nguyen were placed second to sixth in that order.

As many as 16 players were tied on 7.5 points.

Top seed S.L. Narayanan finished seventh and pocketed ₹1 lakh.

The results (10th round):
Abhijeet Gupta 8.5 drew with Aronyak Ghosh 8; S.L. Narayanan 7.5 drew with Aditya Samant 8; Diptayan Ghosh 8 bt Adarsh Sriram 7; Semetei Tegin 7.5 drew with Karthik Venkataraman 7.5; Manuel Petrosyan 7.5 drew with Mamikon Gharibyan 7.5; Luka Paichadze 7.5 drew with Neelash Saha 7.5; Duc Hoa Nguyen 8 bt Vitaly Sivuk 7; S. Nitin lost to Mihail Nikitenko 8.
Deepan Chakkravarthy 7 drew with Van Huy Nguyen 7.5; Levan Pantsulaia 6.5 lost to Saravana Krishnan 7.5; David Gochelashvili 6.5 lost to Arsen Davtyan 7.5; P. Karthikeyan 7 drew with Harsh Suresh 7; Mikulas Manik 7 drew with Hari Madhavan 7; Uurtsaikh Agibileg 7.5 bt Viresh Sharnarthi 6.5; Alexander Slizhevsky 6.5 lost to Paras Bhoir 7.5.

Fynbos & Sunshine may fight out the finish

RACING

BENGALURU: Fynbos and Sunshine may fight out the finish of the Benaka Developers Fillies Championship Stakes (1,600m), the first classic event of the season to be held here on Sunday (June 15).
There will be no false rails.

1 MALENAHALLI PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 1.30 p.m.: 1. Sea Diamond (8) Ramswarup 62, 2. Verrazzano (1) A.A. Vikrant 62, 3. Wakizashi (4) B. Dharshan 61.5, 4. Star Of India (6) Neeraj 59.5, 5. Daiki (9) M. Rajesh K 59, 6. Ice Storm (3) P.P. Dhebe 58.5, 7. Embosom (2) Jagadeesh 56.5, 8. Burning Arrow (7) Angad 56 and 9. Recreator (5) Koshi K 53.
1. STAR OF INDIA,
2. VERRAZZANO,
3. SEA DIAMOND

2 AMOKBASH MILLION (Div. II), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2.05: 1. Sea Glory (5) Siddaraju P 56, 2. Divine Secret (9) Neeraj 54.5, 3. Flight Of Fancy (8) S. Saqlain 54.5, 4. Indian Brocade (3) Suraj 54.5, 5. Jalwa (7) C.A. Brisson 54.5, 6. My Honey (6) L.A. Rozario 54.5, 7. Supernal (2) R. Ajinkya 54.5, 8. White Secret (4) Sai Kiran 54.5 and 9. Whitney (1) Arjun 54.5.
1. FLIGHT OF FANCY,
2. INDIAN BROCADE,
3. DIVINE SECRET

3 STEWARDS CUP (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 2.40: 1. Forseti (11) Hindu S 60, 2. Metzinger (10) R. Vaibhav 60, 3. All Attraction (6) Suhas K 58.5, 4. Mandarino (1) Sandesh 58, 5. Sekhmet (5) Antony 57, 6. Splendido (9) D. Patel 56, 7. Stellantis (3) Ramswarup 54.5, 8. Asagiri (2) Siddaraju P 54, 9. Invincible (7) Angad 54, 10. Positano (4) Akshay K 54 and 11. Thundering Phoenix (8) P.S. Kaviraj 51.
1. POSITANO,
2. MANDARINO,
3. THUNDERING PHOENIX

4 AMOKBASH MILLION (Div. I), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3.15: 1. Double Your Money (9) Sai Kiran 56, 2. Jade Mountain (3) R. Vaibhav 56, 3. Konkrah (4) Sandesh 56, 4. Ransomware (5) M. Rajesh K 56, 5. Akitania (7) C. Umesh 54.5, 6. Best Of Us (6) M. Prabhakaran 54.5, 7. Emerald Touch (8) Neeraj 54.5, 8. Mnemosyne (1) Suraj 54.5 and 9. Roxxane (2) Hindu S 54.5.
1. KONKRAH,
2. MNEMOSYNE,
3. AKITANIA

5 BENAKA DEVELOPERS FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (1,600m), 3-y-o fillies, (Terms), 3.50: 1. Bishop (12) G. Vivek 56, 2. Dubai Touch (3) A. Prakash 56, 3. Fynbos (2) Trevor 56, 4. Gloriousness (15) Suraj 56, 5. Kavya (9) N.S. Parmar 56, 6. Laguna Seca (11) C. Umesh 56, 7. Miracle Star (5) Likith Appu 56, 8. Miss Smiley Angel (7) Hindu S 56, 9. Moon Star (4) Neeraj 56, 10. Mountain Jewel (8) Antony 56, 11. Mrs Brando (6) R. Ajinkya 56, 12. Northern Waves (1) Sai Kiran 56, 13. Ravishing Beauty (-) (-) 56, 14. Sunshine (13) S. Saqlain 56, 15. Vegatha (14) I. Chisty 56 and 16. Xanthe (10) Sandesh 56.
1. FYNBOS,
2. SUNSHINE,
3. GLORIOUSNESS

6 PARSIANA PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 4.25: 1. Victoria Doresaani (4) Pavan 62, 2. Aquamatic (3) Akshay K 59.5, 3. Golden Time (1) R. Ajinkya 59, 4. Star Concept (6) Shezad Khan 57.5, 5. Lauterbrunnen (2) Angad 57, 6. Treasure Chest (7) R. Manjhi 57, 7. Super Sapphire (8) M. Prabhakaran 56.5, 8. Vyasa (5) G. Vivek 53 and 9. Amazing Attraction (9) P.P. Dhebe 50.
1. VYASA,
2. AQUAMATIC,
3. VICTORIA DORESAANI

7 RICHELIEU PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5.00: 1. Iron King (5) Trevor 61, 2. Knotty Scotty (9) G. Vivek 61, 3. Extraordinary (2) Ganesh S 59.5, 4. Mutual Trust (6) Darshan 56.5, 5. Sassy Sarah (3) S. Shareef 53.5, 6. Most And More (7) A.S. Peter 53, 7. Feeling Good (1) Vinod Shinde 52, 8. Sling Shot (11) Likith Appu 51.5, 9. Thrill Of Brazil (10) I. Chisty 51.5, 10. Martha (8) M. Rajesh K 51, 11. Lorven's Glory (4) P.P. Dhebe 50.5 and 12. Gismo (12) Siddaraju P 50.
1. IRON KING,
2. KNOTTY SCOTTY,
3. SASSY SARAH
Day's best: **STAR OF INDIA**
Double: **POSITANO - KONKRAH**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Ricardo bags the Meydan Plate

BENGALURU: Arjun Mangalorkar trained Ricardo (Trevor up) won the main event of the races held here on Saturday (June 14).

The winner is owned by Mr. Haider Soomar, M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Chandrakanth Kankaria & Mukteshwar Racing LLP.

1. KRANJI PLATE (2,000M): REFRESHMENT (G. Vivek) 1, Amazing Stride (Neeraj) 2, Gold Empire (Suraj) 3 and Carat Love (Pavan) 4. 3-1/2, 1-1/4 and 30-1/2. 2m 07.96s. Rs. 24 (w), 15 and 16 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 29, FP: 70, Q: 42, Trinella: 35/15. Favourite: Amazing Stride.
Owners: Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal, Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar, Mr. K. Manoj Kumar, Mr. K. Kamesh, Mr. Dean Stephens & Mr. Balam Mohla. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

2. SIR CECIL PLATE (1,200M): EBOTSE (Aleemuddin) 1, Smile Of Beauty (Ramswarup) 2, Augusto (G. Vivek) 3 and Isabelle (Pavan) 4. 1-1/2, 2-1/4 and Lnk. Im 15.17s. Rs. 44 (w), 18, 16 and 19 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 61, FP: 158, Q: 55, Trinella: 359/229, Exacta: 1,402/627. Favourite: Smile Of Beauty.
Owners: Rajagiri Rubber & Produce Co Ltd rep. by Mr & Mrs. Dilip Thomas'. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

3. JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200M): DIABLO (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Don Carlos (Trevor) 2, Whirlwind (Neeraj) 3 and Vibrant Bliss (Akshay K) 4. Shd, 1-1/4 and 3. Im 17.45s. Rs. 205 (w), 47, 12 and 36 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 83, FP: 1,602, Q: 357, Trinella: 79,906, Exacta: 89,952 (carried over). Favourite: Don Carlos.
Owners: Mr. Ashok Ranpise, Mr. Seshadri Reddy Pochana, Mr. Teegala Sumant Reddy, Dr. Teegala Vijender Reddy, Mr. Satish Kumar Reddy Poondla, Mr. Giri Prathamesh Mahadev, Mr. Bollineni Krishnaiah & Mr. Teja Gollapudi. Trainer: Prasad Raju K.S.V.

4. WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY CUP (1,600M): ALAMGIR (Suraj) 1, Pristine Glory (Neeraj) 2, Darrington (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Edmonton (Kuldeep S) 4. 4, 3-1/2 and 5-1/4. Im 44.76s. Rs. 16 (w), 12 and 13 (p), SHP: 24, THP: 31, FP: 25, Q: 21, Trinella: 60/42, Exacta: 77/31. Favourite: Alamgir.
Owners: Mr. Saleem A. Jasdanwalla & Mr. Ashok Ranpise. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

5. MEYDAN PLATE (1,200M): RICARDO (Trevor) 1, Imperial Blue (Pavan) 2, Uchuchaihshravas (Neeraj) 3 and Crown Drive (Abhishek Mhatre) 4. Nk, 3 and 3-1/4. Im 16.84s. Rs. 27 (w), 14, 31 and 29 (p), SHP: 94, THP: 62, FP: 179, Q: 235, Trinella: 6,083/2,607, Exacta: 95,177/40,790. Favourite: Ricardo.
Owners: Mr. Haider Soomar, M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Chandrakanth Kankaria & Mukteshwar Racing LLP. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

6. ROYAL COMMAND PLATE (1,200M): POLE STAR (N Darshan) 1, Basilica (Ramswarup) 2, Sienna Princess (Sai Kiran) 3 and El Rey (Aleemuddin) 4. 6-3/4, 2 and 1/2. Im 17.10s. Rs. 47 (w), 17, 26 and 21 (p), SHP: 62, THP: 51, FP: 869, Q: 258, Trinella: 1,613/1,273, Exacta: 3,265/1,088. Favourite: El Rey.
Owners: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP, Mr. Anjan Kumar Rangaraj, Manjri Horse Breed Farm Pvt Ltd & Stride Livestock Pvt Ltd. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.
Jackpot: Rs. 1,49,447 (three tkts); Runner-up: 6,862 (28 tkts); Treble (i): 6,463 (one tkt); (ii): 435 (57 tkts).

Team MGD1 wins FIDE World Rapid Team c'ship

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LONDON

Grandmasters Arjun Erigaisi and Pranav registered crucial wins on the final day as Team MGD1 became the first Indian team to clinch the FIDE World Rapid Team Championship title.

Seeded sixth, Team MGD1 posted 10 wins from 12 rounds over three days to emerge champion after a closely-fought battle with Team Hexamind on Friday.

Team Freedom finished third.